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"*Qui reminiscimini Domini, ne taceatis, et ne detis silentium Ei, donec stabiliat et donec ponat Jerusalem laudem in terra.*" *Isaiah lxii: 6.*

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Introductory.

I gladly commend the following "offices" to those of my clergy who, in the busy activities of parochial life, have felt the need of such occasional services as are here provided. They are not intended to take the place of the regular offices of Morning and Evening Prayer, nor even to supplement those offices. But in the increased spiritual life of our parishes many occasions arise when special services may be held—especially during the week. Where these are licensed by the Bishop and used at such times and places as he may lawfully sanction, a real want is often supplied. My esteemed friend and brother, the Rector of S. Stephen's, Harrisburg, has compiled the following offices from various recognized sources, and having found them helpful in his own work ventures to hope that they may prove useful elsewhere. Whatever tends to impart a sense of reality to our devotions and to quicken our zeal for a holier life is to be welcomed. May God bless this modest contribution to so worthy an end.

ETHELBERT TALBOT.

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South Bethlehem, Pa.
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I.

Preparation for Holy Communion.

HYMN.

Psalm 84.

(*All Kneeling.*)

O HOW amiable are Thy dwellings: Thou Lord of Hosts.

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young: even Thy altars, O Lord of Hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house: they will be always praising Thee.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee: in whose heart are Thy ways.

Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well: and the pools are filled with water.

They will go from strength to strength: and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

O Lord God of Hosts, hear my prayer: hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold, O God our Defender: and look upon the face of Thine Anointed.

For one day in Thy courts: is better than a thousand.

I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God: than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

For the Lord God is a light and defence: the Lord will give grace and worship, and no good thing shall He withhold from them that live a godly life.

O Lord God of Hosts: blessed is the man that putteth his trust in Thee.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. *Amen.*

Or Psalm 43.

Give sentence with me, O God, and defend my cause against the ungodly people: O deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.

For Thou art the God of my strength; why hast Thou put me from Thee: and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?

O send out Thy light and Thy truth, that they may lead me: and bring me unto Thy holy hill, and to Thy dwelling.

And that I may go unto the Altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness: and upon the harp will I give thanks unto Thee, O God, my God.

Why art thou so heavy, O my soul: and why art thou so disquieted within me?

O put thy trust in God: for I will yet give Him thanks, which is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. *Amen.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy Will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

V. I said, Lord, have mercy upon me:
R. Heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee.
V. Turn Thee again, O Lord, at the last.
R. And be gracious unto Thy servants.
V. O Lord, let Thy mercy be showed upon us;
R. As we do put our trust in Thee.
V. Let Thy priests be clothed with righteousness.
R. And let Thy saints sing with joyfulness.
V. Lord, cleanse Thou me from my secret faults:
R. And keep Thy servants also from presumptuous sins.
V. O Lord, hear my prayer:
R. And let my crying come unto Thee.

Let us pray.

O most merciful God, incline Thy merciful ears to our prayers, and enlighten our hearts by the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may worthily approach Thy Holy Mysteries, and love Thee with an everlasting love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let the Comforter which proceedeth from Thee, O Lord, enlighten our minds, we beseech Thee, and lead us, as Thy Son hath promised, into all truth: through the same, Thy Son Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

We beseech Thee, O Lord, let the power of Thy Holy Spirit be present with us, through Thy mercy to cleanse our hearts, and defend us from all our adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, Who didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful people by sending to them the light of Thy Holy Spirit, grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, we beseech Thee, visit and cleanse our consciences, that Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ may, when He cometh to us in His Blessed Sacrament, find in us a dwelling place prepared for Himself; Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(*All Together.*)

Almighty, Everlasting God, lo! I approach the Sacrament of Thy only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ: I approach, sick, to the Physician of Life: unclean to the Fountain of mercy; blind, to the Light of eternal brightness; poor and needy, to the Lord of heaven and earth. I pray Thee, therefore, of the abundance of Thy boundless bounty, that Thou wouldst

vouchsafe to heal my sickness, to wash my defilements, to enlighten my blindness, to enrich my poverty, to clothe my nakedness, that I may receive the Bread of Angels, the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, with such reverence and humility, such contrition and devotion, such purity and faith, such purpose and intention, as is expedient for the health of my soul. Grant me, I beseech Thee, that I may receive not only the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of the Lord, but the Substance also and Virtue of the Sacrament. O most gracious God, grant me so to receive the Body of Thy only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, which He took of the Virgin Mary, that I may be found worthy to be incorporated into His mystical Body, and accounted among His members. O most loving Father, grant unto me that Him, Whom now I purpose to receive veiled in my pilgrimage, I may at length with unveiled face contemplate forever, even Thy well-beloved Son, Who with Thee liveth and reigneth in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God throughout all ages. Amen.

BLESSED JESUS, Who art about to come to us, Thy unworthy servants, in the Blessed Sacrament of Thy Body and Blood, prepare our hearts, we beseech Thee, for Thyself. Grant us that repentance for our past sins, that faith in the atonement made for them by Thee upon the Cross, that full purpose of amendment of life, that perfect love to Thee and to all men, which shall fit us to receive Thee. Lord, we are not worthy that Thou shouldst come under our roof, much less that we should receive Thee into ourselves; but since

Thou didst not disdain to be laid in a manger amongst unclean beasts, so vouchsafe to enter into our souls and bodies, unclean though they be, through many sins and defilements.

Lord, come to us that Thou mayest cleanse us.
Lord, come to us that Thou mayest heal us.
Lord, come to us that Thou mayest strengthen us.

And grant, that having received Thee, we may never be separated from Thee by our sins, but may continue Thine forever, till we see Thee face to face in Thy heavenly kingdom, where with the Father and the Holy Ghost, Thou livest and reignest ever one God, world without end. Amen.

[*Here may follow a Hymn and Address.*]

ACT OF FAITH.

O My God, I believe in Thee, Three Persons in One God, and I believe that Jesus Christ came down from Heaven and died for me; and I believe all the truths which He has taught me, by His Word, and by His Church. Lord, I believe, help Thou mine unbelief.

ACT OF HOPE.

O My God, I hope in Thee, to help me in all my troubles; to forgive me all my sins; and to bring me to Thee in Heaven at last. O Lord, in Thee have I trusted, let me never be confounded.

ACT OF LOVE.

O My God, I desire to love Thee, with all my heart, with all my mind, with all my soul, and with all my strength; because Thou alone art perfectly good, and worthy of love; and because Jesus Christ died for me. Make me, for His sake, so to love my neighbor, as Thou hast loved me.

ACT OF CONTRITION.

O My God, I desire to hate and forsake, out of love for Thee, all sins by which I have ever displeased Thee; and I resolve, by Thy grace, to do the same no more; and to avoid all occasions of sin. Help me to do this, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ACT OF DEVOTION.

O My God, I am not my own, but Thine; take me for Thine own, and make me in all things to do Thy holy will. O My God, I give myself to Thee, for joy or for sorrow, for sickness or for health, for life or for death, for time and for eternity. Make me and keep me Thine own, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let us Pray.

O GOD, Who in this wonderful Sacrament hast left unto us a Memorial of Thy Passion, grant us, we beseech Thee, so to venerate the Sacred Mysteries of Thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of Thy Redemption; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

II.

Thanksgiving after Communion.

Psalm 103.

Praise the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, praise His holy Name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul: and forget not all His benefits:

Who forgiveth all thy sins: and healeth all thine infirmities;

Who saveth thy life from destruction: and crowneth thee with mercy and loving kindness;

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things: making thee young and lusty as an eagle.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. *Amen.*

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace: according to Thy word.

For mine eyes have seen: Thy salvation.

Which Thou hast prepared: before the face of all people.

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. *Amen.*

V. Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us.
R. But to Thy Name give glory.
V. Lord, hear my prayer;
R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

O God, Who for Thy Three servants didst assuage the flames of fire, mercifully grant that no unholy fires may inflame us Thy servants; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

May the Fire of Thy Holy Spirit, O Lord our God, cleanse our hearts and reins that we may serve Thee with pure bodies, and worship Thee with undefiled minds; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help: that in all our works, begun, continued and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy Holy Name, and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

All together.

I yield Thee hearty thanks, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Who hast vouchsafed, not for any merits of mine, but only out of the condescension of Thy mercy, to feed me a sinner, Thy unworthy

servant, with the precious Body and Blood of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ; and I pray that this Holy Communion may not bring guilt upon me to condemnation, but may intercede for me to my pardon and salvation; let it be to me an armor of faith, and a shield of good purpose; a riddance of all vices; an extermination of evil desires and longings; an increase of love and patience, of humility and obedience, and all virtues; a firm defence against the wiles of my enemies, visible and invisible; a perfect quieting of all my impulses, fleshly and spiritual; a firm adherence to Thee, the only True God; and a blessed consummation of my end. And I beseech Thee that Thou wouldst vouchsafe to bring me a sinner to that ineffable Feast, where Thou, with Thy Son and the Holy Ghost, art to Thy Holy Ones, true light, full satisfaction, everlasting joy, pleasure consummated, and perfect happiness, through the same our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

III.

Missionary Service.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

OUR FATHER, &c.

V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.
R. Who hath made heaven and earth.
V. O God, make speed to save us.
R. O Lord, make haste to help us.
V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Ant. Let the people.

Psalm 67. Deus Misereatur.

1. God be merciful unto us and bless us: and show us the light of His countenance and be merciful unto us;
2. That Thy way may be known upon earth: Thy saving health among all nations.
3. Let the people praise Thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise Thee.

4. O let the nations rejoice and be glad: for Thou shalt judge the folk righteously and govern the nations upon earth.

5. Let the people praise Thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise Thee.

6. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase: and God, ever our own God, shall give us His blessing.

7. God shall bless us: and all the ends of the world shall fear Him.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Psalm 117. Laudate Dominum.

1. O praise the Lord, all ye heathen: praise Him, all ye nations.

2. For His merciful kindness is ever more and more toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Ant. Let the people praise Thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise Thee.

Short Lesson.

How then shall they call on Him in Whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of Whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things! (*Rom. x. 14, 15.*)

R. Thanks be to God.

HYMN.

V. All nations whom Thou hast made shall come and worship Thee, O Lord.
R. And shall glorify Thy Name.

Let us Pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Our Father, &c.

V. O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works that Thou didst in their days and in the old time before them.
R. Lay bare Thine arm, revive Thy work, and manifest forth Thy power and glory now as in the days of old.
V. Set up Thyself, O God, above the heavens.
R. And Thy glory above all the earth.
V. Give Thy Son the heathen for His inheritance.
R. And the utmost parts of the earth for His possession.
V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with Thy Spirit.

Let us Pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who didst charge Thine Apostles that they should preach the gospel to every nation:

prosper, we pray Thee, all missions both at home and abroad (esp. . . . .): give them all things needful for their work, making them centres of spiritual life, to the quickening of many souls, and the glory of Thy Holy Name: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty and Everlasting God, Who alone workest great marvels: send down upon our Bishops and Clergy working in foreign lands (esp . . . .) and on all congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of Thy grace; and, that they may truly please Thee, pour upon them the continual dew of Thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honor of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O great Lord of the harvest, send forth, we beseech Thee, labourers into the harvest of the world, that the grain which is even now ripe may not fall and perish through our neglect. Pour forth Thy sanctifying Spirit on our fellow Christians abroad, and Thy converting grace on the heathen. Raise up, we beseech Thee, a devout ministry among the native believers, that all Thy people being knit together in one body in love, Thy Holy Church may grow up into the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: through Him who died and rose again for us all, the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

O God of all the nations of the earth, remember the multitudes of the heathen who, though created in Thine image, are perishing in their ignorance; and according to the propitiation of Thy Son Jesus Christ,

grant that by the prayers and labours of Thy Holy Church, they may be delivered from all superstition and unbelief, and brought to worship Thee: through Him Whom Thou hast sent to be our Salvation, the Resurrection and the Life of all the faithful, the Same, Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Here may be inserted special intercessions.

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, and wisdom and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. Blessing and honour, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

IV.

A Litany for Missions.

O God the Father of Heaven; have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

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O God the Son, Redeemer of the world; have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world; have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son; have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son; have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, Three Persons and one God; have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, Three Persons and one God; have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

Hear us, O Lord, as we make our supplication for the heathen that have not known Thee, and for the kingdoms that have not called upon Thy Name. Hear us, good Lord, and while we plead for others lay not our own sins to our charge.

Hear us, good Lord.

From all ungenerous, bitter and thankless tempers, from coldness and hardness of heart, from covetousness and the love of this present world,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From listlessness and indolence, from neglect of opportunities of doing good, from blindness to our calling, and from reluctance to give as Thou hast prospered us,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From clamour and impatience, from restlessness and unbelief, from doubt of Thy power to save by many or by few,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By Thy great pity for the souls of men, by Thy compassion on the multitude fainting and scattered abroad,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

By Thy revelation of Thyself to chosen witnesses, by Thy commandment to baptize the nations, by Thy sure promise, "Lo, I am with you always;"

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to send forth labourers into Thy harvest,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to fit and prepare missionaries for their ministry, bestowing upon them Thy manifold gifts of grace and making them true workers of righteousness and helpers of mankind,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to move Thy people freely to give of their substance for the increase of Thy kingdom and the salvation of all men,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to comfort and uphold those who forsake all to follow Thee, giving them cheerful courage and a good hope because of Thy word,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to send out Thy light and Thy truth into the dark places of the earth, and by the breath of Thy lips to destroy the habitations of cruelty,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to have mercy upon the heathen everywhere throughout the world, to give them the knowledge of salvation for the remission of their sins, to turn them from the power of Satan, and to guide their feet into the way of peace,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to encourage and sustain the converts to the faith in heathen lands, making them strong to endure enmity and patient under reproach,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee of Thy gracious goodness, shortly to accomplish the number of Thine elect and to hasten Thy kingdom,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to fill us with deep compassion for perishing souls, and to kindle in our hearts a fervent zeal for their salvation,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to move the hearts of faithful men to go forth as Missionaries to the heathen, to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to pour forth Thy Spirit upon all nations, that all flesh may see the salvation of God,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to bless with plentiful fruit all missions of Thy Church,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to bless Thy people gathered from amongst the heathen, that they may be as the salt of the earth, and abound in good works to the glory of Thy name,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to raise up among them a faithful ministry to feed Thy flock entrusted to their care,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to strengthen such as do stand; and to comfort and help the weak-hearted; and to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

We beseech Thee to hear us good Lord.

That it may please Thee to have mercy upon all men,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances, and to endue us with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to Thy Holy Word,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God: we beseech Thee to hear us.

Son of God: we beseech Thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Grant us Thy peace.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
Receive our prayer.
O Christ, hear us.
O Christ, hear us.
O Saviour of the world, Who by Thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us;
Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

Let us pray.

Almighty and Everlasting God, Who hast in Christ revealed Thy glory unto all nations, protect the works of Thy mercy, that Thy Church may be spread throughout the world, and may abide with steadfast faith in the confession of Thy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Here other Collects may be inserted.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

V

Litany of Intercession for the Parish.

O God the Father, of Heaven;
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world;
O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the elect:
O Holy Trinity, One God;
Have mercy upon us.

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither take Thou vengeance of our sins: spare us, good Lord, spare Thy people whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy most precious Blood, and be not angry with us for ever.
Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil, and deadly sin,
From all impenitence, and hardness of heart,
From spiritual presumption, and pride,
From despair of forgiveness,
From neglect of the means of grace,
From all prejudice or party spirit,
From all uncharitableness in word or deed towards our brethren.
From self-indulgence in food or drink,
From all impurity in thought, word, or deed,
From unbelief, heresy, and schism,
From anything that may hinder the progress of Thy Kingdom,
From sudden, unprepared, or evil death,
Good Lord deliver us.

By the mystery of Thy Holy Incarnation,
By Thy Birth, and subjection to the Law,
By Thy suffering Life of obedience,
By Thy poverty and toil,
By Thy Baptism, Fasting and Temptation,
By Thy zeal for the souls of men,
By Thine Agony and Bloody Sweat,
By Thy Crucifixion, Death and Burial,
By Thy glorious Resurrection,
By Thy triumphant Ascension,
By Thine unceasing Intercession,
By Thy Gift of the Holy Ghost,
Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners beseech Thee to hear us:—

That it may please Thee to rule and govern Thy Holy Church Universal in the right way;

That it may please Thee to cast out of Thy Church all error and worldliness, and to grant her that peace and unity which is agreeable to Thy will;

That it may please Thee to guide, defend and sanctify . . . . . our Bishop and grant that he, with the flock committed to him, may attain to everlasting life;

That it may please Thee to bless the Clergy of this Diocese, and grant that both by their life and doctrine they may set forth Thy glory, and set forward the salvation of all men;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to bless and preserve the Clergy (*or him*) to whom Thou hast entrusted the care of this parish;

That it may please Thee to keep *them* firm in the Faith, and pure in their life, that both by word and good example *they* may lead many to Thee;

That it may please Thee to give *them* wisdom, courage, and true sympathy, in dealing with the souls committed to *their* care;

That *their* unworldliness may never hinder the progress of Thy Truth;

That it may please Thee to sanctify the religious life of those who are devoted to Thy special service;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to grant to the men and boys of our Choir purity of life, sincerity of heart, and true reverence, that what they sing with their lips may tend to Thy honor and glory;

That it may please Thee to strengthen and confirm in a holy and consistent life those who diligently approach Thy Altar;

That it may please Thee to draw many souls to a devout and regular reception of the Blessed Sacrament;

That it may please Thee to pardon all those who neglect or misuse this Gift of Thy love;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to grant to all our children power and strength to have victory, and to triumph, against the Devil, the world, and the flesh;

That they may continue in the true Faith unto their lives' end;

That it may please Thee to defend, amid all the dangers and adversities of the world, those who are absent from their homes;

That it may please Thee to bring to a full sense of their responsibility, those parents who are neglecting the children committed to their care;

That it may please Thee to protect the widows and orphans in this Parish, and teach them to rely entirely upon Thy supernatural care, Who wilt not leave comfortless such as faithfully seek Thee;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to bless our mechanics and artisans, and bring them to know and love Thee, the Maker and Redeemer of us all;

That it may please Thee to prosper all who are engaged in trade, and make them true and just in all their dealings;

That it may please Thee to prosper our farmers and agricultural labourers, and to give us the fruits of the earth in due season;

That it may please Thee to preserve mutual sympathy and good-will between employers and those who serve them;

That it may please Thee to promote a better observance of the days and seasons set apart for Thine especial worship;

That it may please Thee to have mercy on all those whose necessities keep them in the work of the world on Thy Holy Days;

That it may please Thee to give Thy continual help to all works in this Parish designed for Thy glory, or the good of men;

That it may please Thee to prosper all Missions, both at home and abroad, with an increase of sanctity,

that they may win many to the knowledge of Thy Truth;

That it may please Thee to give us a more earnest spirit of self-denial, almsgiving, and prayer, that those who know Thee not may be brought to share the blessings we so richly enjoy;

That it may please Thee to grant to all in this Parish unity, peace, and true concord;

That it may please Thee to bring to a devout reception of Holy Baptism those who have not been admitted within Thy Covenant of Grace;

That it may please Thee to bring to the acceptance of Thy Truth all who are in error;

That it may please Thee to soften the hearts of all who are hardened in sin, and to bring them to true repentance;

That it may please Thee to have mercy on all those who having been once renewed by Thy compassion, have yet fallen again through their own frailty;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to provide for all the aged the instruction, warning, and consolation of Thy Ministers, and make them disposed to profit thereby;

That it may please Thee to cheer with Divine refreshment those who have no earthly comforts amidst the infirmities of their old age;

That it may please Thee to speak with the voice of Thy Holy Spirit to the hearts of those who cannot hear the instructions of Thy Ministers;

That it may please Thee to have mercy on all the

sick and suffering and grant them patience, and restoration;

That they may be mindful of Thy visitation, and by it be brought to true repentance;

That Thou wouldst take from them all undue affection for the things of this world, and fill their hearts with love, and a desire for eternal life;

That it may please Thee to have mercy on all who are near to death, and to sustain them in their last hours against the attacks of the Evil One:

That it may please Thee to receive their spirits into Thy Hands, and, after death, to bring them into Paradise with joy;

That it may please Thee to hasten the coming of Thy Kingdom, and the consummation of bliss to those who are at rest;

That it may please Thee to grant to all Thy servants a merciful judgment at the last day;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God: we beseech Thee to hear us.

Son of God: we beseech Thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world;

Grant us Thy peace.

O Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world;

Have mercy upon us.

O Christ, hear us.

O Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, Who art in Heaven; Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy Will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

(*Here special prayers may be inserted.*)

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

VI.

Special Collects.

1. For Missions.

O Holy Father, Who didst promise to Thy well-beloved Son, "Desire of Me and I shall give Thee the heathen for Thine inheritance and the utmost parts of the earth for Thy possession;" Hear, we pray Thee, His prevailing intercession for the souls which He has purchased with His precious Blood; kindle our desires for the extension of His Kingdom among men; pour upon us the spirit of supplication for the spread of the Gospel; and so consecrate our lives to Thy service, that we may gladly give ourselves and our substance to send the sound of the blessed Gospel "into all lands and its words into the ends of the world" through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, Whose compassions fail not, and Whose loving kindness reacheth unto the world's end: We give Thee humble thanks for all the great things Thou hast done and art doing for the children of men, for the opening of heathen lands to the light of Thy truth, for making paths in the deep waters and highways in the desert, for knitting nation to nation in the bonds of fellowship, and for the planting of Thy Church in all the earth. O merciful Father, of Whom

the whole family in Heaven and earth is named, fill full our hearts with grateful love for this Thy goodness, granting us grace henceforth to serve Thee better and more perfectly to know Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

2. FOR THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

O Lord, without Whom our labor is but lost, and with Whom Thy little ones go forth as the mighty; We humbly beseech Thee to prosper all works in Thy Church undertaken according to Thy Holy Will, (esp. the work of the Woman's Auxiliary), and grant to Thy laborers a pure intention, patient faith, sufficient success upon earth, and the blessedness of serving Thee in heaven: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

3. FOR THE CHURCH AT LARGE.

O gracious Father, we humbly beseech Thee, for Thy Holy Catholic Church, that Thou wouldst be pleased to fill it with all truth in all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, make up the breaches of it; for the sake of Him Who died and rose again, and ever maketh intercession for it, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

4. FOR THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE.

O God, the Pastor and Ruler of Thy faithful servants; Look down in mercy on Thy servant, our Bishop, to whom Thou hast given charge of this Diocese, and

evermore guide, defend, comfort, sanctify, and save him; and grant him by Thy grace so to advance in word and good example, that he may, with the flock committed to him, attain to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

5. For a Retreat or Quiet Day.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who didst say to Thy disciples, Come ye apart into a desert place and rest awhile; Grant we beseech Thee, to Thy servants now gathered together, so to seek Thee Whom our souls desire to love, that we may both find Thee and be found by Thee, and grant such love and such wisdom to accompany the words which shall be spoken in Thy Name, that they may not fall to the ground, but may be helpful in leading us onward through the toils of our pilgrimage to that rest which remaineth, where, nevertheless, they rest not day nor night from Thy perfect service, Who livest and reignest God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

6. For Unity.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who saidst unto Thine Apostles, Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you; Regard not our sins, but the faith of Thy Church, and grant her that peace and unity which is agreeable to Thy Will: Who livest and reignest God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

7. For the Parish.

Almighty and everlasting God, Who dost govern all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear our prayers, and grant to this Parish all things needful for

its spiritual and temporal welfare. Strengthen and confirm the faithful, visit and relieve the sick, turn and soften the wicked, arouse the careless, recover the fallen, and restore the penitent. Remove every hindrance to the advancement of Thy truth, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within the fold of Thy Holy Church, to the honor and glory of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, Who feedest Thy flock and callest Thine own by name, look down in mercy on this our Parish, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve Thee with a quiet mind. Hallow and bless to us the Sacraments and Services of Thy Church. Inspire our Clergy to show forth Thy Truth by their preaching and living, and daily to minister according to Thy Will. Keep our communicants in singleness of heart, from unbelief and worldliness, giving them grace, both in their homes and callings, faithfully to confess Thy Holy Name. May all our children be taught of Thee. Draw to the Cross those who are impenitent and hardened in sin. And, we beseech Thee, heal the sick; comfort the sorrowing; relieve the distressed. Take our Parish work into Thy keeping. Move Thy people to give as Thou hast given to them. Fill the workers with the spirit of power, of love and of a sound mind. And, while we plant and water, do Thou give the continual increase; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

8. FOR A PARISH FESTIVAL.

O God, Who year by year renewest the consecration day of this Thy Holy Temple, and bringest us again in safety to Thy Holy Mysteries; Hear the prayers of

Thy people, and grant that whosoever entereth this Temple to offer his petitions, may rejoice in their fulfilment; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen.*

9. FOR THE CLERGY OF THE PARISH.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty, everlasting God; Vouchsafe to bless Thy servant, the Rector of this Parish; make him as Thy messenger, energetic and zealous; as Thy watchman, vigilant for the great interest of Thy flock; as Thy steward, faithful in dispensing those treasures of Thy Word and Sacraments committed to him. Give him fervency in prayer, and diligence in study. Give him knowledge to be sound and accurate in doctrine. Give him courage to maintain the truth boldly, and discretion to declare it seasonably, persuasively and effectively. Grant that he may do all that lieth in him to bring such as are committed to his charge unto the knowledge of God in Christ, that there be no place left among them either for error in religion, or for viciousness of life. This we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Most merciful Father, we beseech Thee to send down upon Thy servants, our pastors and overseers, Thy heavenly blessing; and so endue them with Thy Holy Spirit, that they, preaching Thy word, may not only be earnest to reprove, beseech, and rebuke with all patience and doctrine, but also may be to such as believe a wholesome example in word, in conversation, in love, in faith, in chastity, in purity, that, fulfill-

ing their course, at the latter day they may receive the crown of righteousness laid up by the Lord, the righteous Judge. Who liveth and reigneth one God, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen*

10. FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Gracious Saviour, we pray Thee to look with favor upon the children of our Sunday School, and grant that the instruction they receive may be to Thy glory and their welfare and happiness. Make them to be obedient to their parents and teachers, and diligent in all their duties. May they grow in grace and in knowledge of Thyself, that so they may be useful in their generation, and finally be received into Thy heavenly kingdom, there to dwell with Thee and the Father and the Holy Ghost for ever and ever. *Amen.*

11. BEFORE A BIBLE CLASS.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who art the Truth incarnate and the Teacher of the faithful; let Thy Spirit overshadow us in reading Thy Word, and conform our thoughts to Thy revelation; that learning of Thee with honest hearts, we may be rooted and built up in Thee; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost one God, world without end. *Amen.*

12. AFTER A BIBLE CLASS.

O God the Holy Ghost, open Thou our eyes, that we may see the wondrous things of Thy law. Let Thy Holy Word be a lantern unto our feet, and a light unto our paths; so that by Thy help we may walk in the narrow way of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

13. For a Parish Guild.

Almighty, everlasting God, we beseech Thee to pour Thy continual olessing upon this Guild, and upon every member thereof, both present and absent. Knit our hearts in gentleness, forbearance, and brotherly love, after the example of Thy saints. Grant that zeal, devotion and self-denial may here flourish, to the glory of Thy Name, the comfort of our hearts, and the salvation of our souls; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

14. For Schismatics.

Almighty God, Who showest to them that be in error the light of Thy Truth, may it please Thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred and are deceived; and grant that they, forsaking all false doctrine, heresy, and schism, may return to the fellowship of Christ's Church, and may so faithfully serve Thee in this life, that finally they fail not to attain Thy heavenly promises. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

15. For the New Year.

O Almighty God and Heavenly Father, Who hast given to all things an appointed season we yield Thee hearty thanks for Thy preservation of us and for all the blessings of this life vouchsafed during the past year; and we beseech Thee of Thy infinite mercy to continue Thy loving kindness, and to guide and guard us through these coming months, giving us grace to do all things to Thy glory. Sanctify all our joys and pleasures, and grant that we may be patient and steadfast under every trial and discipline which lies

before us. Be with us in our going out and in our coming in, from this time forth for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

16. FOR THE CHOIR.

O Everlasting Jesus, Who art ever adored by the Holy Angels, yet dost vouchsafe to receive the praises of men; hear our prayers, we beseech Thee, on behalf of the men and boys of our Choir; give them purity of life and sincerity of heart, and true reverence, that what they sing with their lips may be acceptable to Thee, and tend to the honor and glory of Thy Holy Name, and the edification of Thy faithful people: Who, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, livest and reignest for ever and ever. *Amen.*

VII.

Order for a Children's Service.

(*All kneeling say the following prayer.*)

O Lord, we are now come into Thy House to worship Thee, and to be instructed in Thy Holy Word. Do Thou in all things direct and rule our hearts, that we may be reverent, attentive, and devout; and profit by what we shall be taught, to Thy honor and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let Thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Thy servant that so, by Thy gracious and ready help, he may rightly instruct us in Thy Holy Word, and in the end attain unto everlasting salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

HYMN.

I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead, He ascended into

heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the Body; And the Life everlasting. *Amen.*

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But delive us from evil. *Amen.*

Then shall be sung a Metrical Litany.

(*Then shall be said by all the children the following prayer.*)

O Ever blessed Jesus: Son of God: Child of the Virgin Mary: Who in the days of Thy sojourn here on earth didst say: "Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of heaven:" bless, we beseech Thee, us Thy children: dedicated to Thee in holy baptism: make us to be always mindful of the vow and promise:

then made in our name: May we be dutiful to our parents: loving to our brothers and sisters: and obedient to our spiritual pastors and teachers: As we grow in years may we grow in wisdom: and in favour with Thee: Give Thy Holy Angels charge over us: and let no man pluck us out of Thy hand: and grant that, being daily renewed by Thy Holy Spirit: we may continue Thy children: and attain Thy promises: Who, with the Father and the same Spirit: livest and reignest: God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Collect for the day.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

HYMN.

Lesson from Holy Scripture, followed by CATECHISING OR ADDRESS.

Hymn, Collect and Blessing.

The following prayer shall then be said audibly by all the children together:

O Lord, we thank Thee for the instruction which we have now received. Forgive what Thou hast seen amiss in us and grant that what we have heard we may remember, and what we remember we may try to do, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

VIII.

Office for the Opening of Sunday School.

HYMN.

All standing the Minister shall say.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

The Creed.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell, The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Catholic Church: The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; and the Life everlasting. *Amen.*

Lesson from Holy Scripture.

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us Pray.

V. Lord, have mercy upon us.
R. Christ, have mercy upon us.
V. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Collect for the Day.

We yield Thee hearty thanks, merciful Father, that it hath pleased Thee to regenerate us with Thy Holy Spirit, to receive us for Thine own children by adoption, and to incorporate us into Thy Holy Church. And humbly we beseech Thee to grant, that we, being dead unto sin, and living unto righteousness, and being buried with Christ in His death, may crucify the old man, and utterly abolish the whole body of sin; and that, as we are made partakers of the death of Thy Son, we may also be partakers of His resurrection: so that finally, with the residue of Thy Holy Church, we may be inheritors, of Thine everlasting kingdom: through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, Who out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast ordained strength, and madest infants to glorify Thee by their deaths; Mortify and kill all vices in us, and so strengthen us by Thy grace, that by the innocency of our lives, and constancy of our faith even unto death, we may glorify Thy Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who didst sit lowly in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them and asking them questions; grant unto us, Thy servants, both aptness to teach, and willingness to learn Thy blessed will, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen.*

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings, with Thy most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help: that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy Holy Name, and finally by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Hymn.

IX.

Office for the Closing of Sunday School.

After the Catechising,

The Service shall begin with

A Hymn.

Then shall be said.

V. Let Thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us.
R. As we do put our trust in Thee.
V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with Thy Spirit.

Let us Pray.

V. O God, make clean our hearts within us.
R. And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

Then, all kneeling, shall be said one or more of the following Prayers.

We thank Thee, O Lord, for this Thy Holy Day, and for all the blessings which it brings us; and we beseech Thee of Thy great goodness, that these days which bear Thy Name may never cease to be unto us as days of heaven upon earth, and lights to guide us from earth to heaven. Give us, we pray Thee, some

work to do for Thee during the week upon which we have now entered: and whatever it be, may we do it with all our might. In all our duties and employments, in the least as in the greatest, let us be mindful of Thy Presence, that it may be seen by our ways and behaviour Whose we are. Lord, we are Thine: let us not grieve Thee, nor do hurt to others, by our faithlessness. Restrain all that is evil in us, and strengthen and confirm what is Thine own; for our Saviour's sake. *Amen.*

O God of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob, bless us Thy children, and sow the seed of eternal life in our hearts, that whatsoever in Thy Holy Word we shall profitably learn, we may indeed fulfil the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty Father, Who hast promised that they who seek early Thy heavenly wisdom shall early find it more precious than all the treasures of this world, send down on these children the grace and blessing of Thy Holy Spirit: that they, being trained up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, may choose and love Thy way, and depart from it no more for ever, and that, when Thou makest up Thy jewels in Thy glorious kingdom, these children may be there and may be Thine: all of which we ask for the sake of Thy Holy Child Jesus, our only Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

May the Almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, bless us, and defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. *Amen.*

Hymn.

X.

Form of Devotion for the Three Hours' Agony of our Blessed Lord.

HYMN.

To be sung kneeling.

[*Or else the "Veni Creator."*]

O Come and mourn with me awhile;
  O come ye to the Saviour's Side;
O come, together let us mourn;
  Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.

Have we no tears to shed for Him,
  While soldiers scoff and Jews deride?
Ah, look how patiently He hangs;
  Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.

How fast His Hands and Feet are nailed;
  His Throat with parching thirst is dried;
His failing Eyes are dimmed with Blood;
  Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.

Seven times He spake, seven words of love;
  And all three hours His silence cried
For mercy on the souls of men;
  Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.

Come, let us stand beneath the Cross;
  So may the Blood from out His Side
Fall gently on us, drop by drop;
  Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.

A broken heart, a fount of tears,
  Ask, and they will not be denied.
Lord Jesus, may we love and weep,
  Since Thou for us art crucified. *Amen.*

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Our Father.

V. O God, make speed to save us.
R. O Lord, make haste to help us.
V. Lord, hear our prayer.
R. And let our cry come unto Thee.

Let us Pray.

Almighty God, we beseech Thee graciously to behold this Thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the Cross, Who now liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Assist, O Lord, by Thy grace, our devotion this day, and our humiliation before the precious Cross which bore Thee, and give us strength of soul to perfect our observance by a pure intention and a sincere

purpose, so that our bodily exercises may be made complete by those of mind and heart: through the merits of Thy Son, Who suffered for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Jesus, Adorable Saviour, mercifully behold us as in humility of mind and body we draw near to the hours of Thy suffering. Vouchsafe to apply to our souls the infinite merits of Thy Sacred Passion, upon which we are about to meditate. Grant that as we stand beside Thy Cross our hearts may be so bowed with true contrition that we may cheerfully accept, for Thy sake, all the sufferings and humiliations of our pilgrimage on earth. *Amen.*

O God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.
By Thine Agony and Bloody Sweat,
Good Lord deliver us.
O Saviour of the world, Who by Thy Cross and Precious Blood hast redeemed us,
Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

THE FIRST WORD.

"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Tune: "*S. Alphege.*" *Hymnal No. 406.*

"Forgive them, O My Father,
They know not what they do:"
The Saviour spake in anguish,
As the sharp nails went through.

No pained reproaches gave He
  To them that shed His Blood,
But prayer and tenderest pity
  Large as the love of God.

For me was that compassion,
  For me that tender care;
I need His wide forgiveness
  As much as any there.

It was my pride and hardness
  That hung Him on the Tree;
Those cruel nails, O Saviour,
  Were driven in by me.

And often I have slighted
  Thy gentle voice that chid;
Forgive me, too, Lord Jesus;
  I knew not what I did.

O depth of sweet compassion,
  O love Divine and true,
Save Thou the souls that slight Thee,
  And know not what they do. *Amen.*

ADDRESS.

Let us Pray.

O Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world:

Grant us Thy peace.

O Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world;

Have mercy upon us.
O Christ, hear us.
O Christ, hear us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

O Most beloved Lord Jesus Christ, Who for love of us didst suffer agonies upon the Cross, that Thou mightest by Thy sufferings pay the debt of our sins, and even in the hour of pain didst pray for our pardon, have mercy upon all Christians in the hour of death, and on us in our last agony. Through the merits of Thy most precious Blood, shed for our salvation, give us a true and deep sorrow for our sins, and grant that at the hour of death we may in peace and confidence breathe out our souls into the bosom of Thine infinite Mercy. *Amen.*

SILENT PRAYER.

Jesus, in Thy dying woes,
Even while Thy life-blood flows
Craving pardon for Thy foes;
Hear us, Holy Jesu.

Saviour, for our pardon sue,
When our sins Thy pangs renew,
For we know not what we do;
Hear us, Holy Jesu.

Oh, may we, who mercy need,
Be like Thee in heart and deed,
When with wrong our spirits bleed:
Hear us, Holy Jesu.

O Lord Jesus Christ, we devoutly embrace that honored Cross, where Thou didst love us even to the end, and wholly unmindful of Thy griefs didst pray for Thine enemies, saying, Father, forgive them for they know not what they do: and we pray Thee, grant that in Thine Infinite Mercy we may find remission of all our sins. *Amen.*

To be said by all together.

O my God, I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee, and I grieve that I have so often wounded Thee by my sins.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

O Saviour of the world, Who by Thy Cross and Precious Blood hast redeemed us,
Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

THE SECOND WORD.

"To-day shalt thou be with Me in Paradise."

Tune: "*Pax Dei.*" *Hymnal No. 32.*

"Lord, when Thy Kingdom comes, remember me;"
Thus spake the dying lips to dying Ears;
O faith, which in that darkest hour could see
The promised glory of the far-off years!

No kingly sign declares that glory now,
No ray of hope lights up that awful hour;
A thorny crown surrounds that blessed Brow,
The Hands are stretched in weakness, not in power.

Yet hear the words the dying Saviour saith,
"Thou too shalt rest in Paradise to-day,"
O words of love to answer words of faith!
O words of hope for those who live to pray!

Lord, when with dying lips my prayer is said,
Grant that in faith Thy Kingdom I may see;
And thinking on Thy Cross and bleeding Head,
May breathe my parting words, "Remember me."

Remember me, but not my shame or sin;
Thy cleansing Blood hath washed them all away;
Thy precious Death for me did pardon win;
Thy Blood redeemed me in that awful day.

Remember me; yet how canst Thou forget
What pain and anguish I have caused to Thee,
The Cross, the Agony, the Bloody Sweat,
And all the sorrow Thou didst bear for me?

Remember me; and, ere I pass away,
Speak Thou the assuring Word that sets me free,
And make Thy promise to my heart, "To-day
Thou too shalt rest in Paradise with Me."

Amen.

ADDRESS.

Let us pray.

(*Lesser Litany as before.*)

O Most beloved Jesus Christ, Who for love of us didst suffer agonies upon the Cross, and with readiness and love didst reward the faith of the penitent thief when he acknowledged Thee in Thy sacred humiliation to be the Son of God; as Thou hadst mercy on him and didst promise him to be with Thee in Paradise, have mercy upon all men, and upon us in our last hour. Through the merits of Thy most precious Blood give us such firm and unwavering trust in Thee that our faith may never be shaken by any evil suggestion, and that we may attain to dwell with Thee in Paradise. *Amen.*

SILENT PRAYER.

Jesu, pitying the sighs,
Of the thief who near Thee dies,
Promising him Paradise,
Hear us, Holy Jesu.

May we, in our guilt and shame,
Still Thy love and mercy claim,
Calling humbly on Thy Name;
Hear us, Holy Jesu.

Oh remember us who pine,
Looking from our cross to Thine,
Cheer our souls with hope divine;
Hear us, Holy Jesu.

O Blessed Jesus, Who didst graciously permit the thief to suffer with Thee the anguish of the Cross, and pardoning his sins didst promise him Thy Presence in Paradise, grant that forsaking our sins we may suffer with Thee in this world and after be made partakers of Thine Eternal Peace. *Amen.*

To be said by all together.

O my God, I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee, and I grieve that I have so often wounded Thee by my sins.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O Saviour of the world, Who by Thy Cross and Precious Blood hast redeemed us,
Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

THE THIRD WORD.

"Woman, Behold Thy Son!" "Behold Thy Mother!"

Hymnal No. 103.

At the Cross, her station keeping,
Stood the mournful Mother weeping,
  Where He hung, the dying Lord;
For her soul, of joy bereavèd,
Bowed with anguish, deeply grievèd,
  Felt the sharp and piercing sword.

Oh! how sad and sore distressed
Now was she, that Mother blessed
  Of that sole-begotten One;
Deep the woe of her affliction,
When she saw the Crucifixion
  Of her ever-glorious Son.

Who, on Christ's dear Mother gazing
Pierced by anguish so amazing,
  Born of woman, would not weep?
Who on Christ's dear Mother thinking
Such a cup of sorrow drinking,
  Would not share her sorrows deep?

For His people's sins chastisèd,
She beheld her Son despisèd,
  Scourged, and crowned with thorns entwined;
Saw Him then from judgment taken
And in death by all forsaken,
  Till His Spirit He resigned.

Jesu, may her deep devotion
Stir in me the same emotion,
  Fount of love, Redeemer kind:
That my heart fresh ardour gaining,
And a purer love attaining,
  May with Thee acceptance find. *Amen.*

ADDRESS.

Let us Pray.

(*Lesser Litany as before.*)

O Most beloved Lord Jesus Christ, Who for love of us didst suffer on the Cross, and forgetful of Thine own sufferings in Thy care for Thy Blessed Mother, didst commend her to the keeping of Thy beloved Disciple and thus leave us an example of Thy love, have mercy upon all men and upon us in our last hour. Preserve ever in our hearts a firm hope in the infinite merits of Thy most precious Blood, that through Thee we may be saved from the misery which our sins have deserved, and be partakers of Thy endless love. *Amen.*

SILENT PRAYER.

Jesu, loving to the end
Her whose heart Thy sorrows rend,
And Thy dearest human friend:
  Hear us, Holy Jesu.

May we in Thy sorrows share,
And for Thee all peril dare,
And enjoy Thy tender care:
Hear us, Holy Jesu.

May we all Thy loved ones be,
All one holy family,
Loving for the Love of Thee:
Hear us, Holy Jesu.

O Lord Jesus, Thou hast made Thy Name ineffably sweet and full of deepest love to Thy faithful ones; mercifully grant that, devoutly venerating that Sacred Name upon earth, we may reap the sweetness of holy consolation in this life, and endless bliss in the world to come. *Amen.*

To be said by all together.

O my God, I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee, and I grieve that I have so often wounded Thee by my sins.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O Saviour of the world, Who by Thy Cross and Precious Blood has redeemed us,
Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

THE FOURTH WORD.

"My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?"

Tune: "*Redhead.*" *Hymnal No. 93.*

Throned upon the awful Tree,
King of grief, I watch with Thee;
Darkness veils Thine anguished Face,

None its lines of woe can trace,
None can tell what pangs unknown
Hold Thee silent and alone.

Silent through those three dread hours,
Wrestling with the evil powers,
Left alone with human sin,
Gloom around Thee and within,
Till the appointed time is nigh,
Till the Lamb of God may die.

Hark that cry that peals aloud
Upward through the whelming cloud!
Thou, the Father's only Son,
Thou, His own Anointed One,
Thou dost ask Him—can it be?
"Why hast Thou forsaken me?"

Lord, should fear and anguish roll
Darkly o'er my sinful soul,
Thou, Who once was thus bereft
That Thine own might ne'er be left,
Teach me by that bitter cry
In the gloom to know Thee nigh. *Amen.*

ADDRESS.

Let us Pray.

(*Lesser Litany as before.*)

O Most Beloved Lord Jesus Christ, Who for love of us didst suffer on the Cross, Who adding suffering to suffering, didst endure with infinite patience not only Thy many bodily tortures, but that most heavy afflic-

tion of spirit in esteeming Thyself forsaken by Thine Eternal Father, have mercy upon us; and through the merits of Thy most precious Blood give us grace to bear with true patience all sufferings, both of life and death, that so uniting them with Thine we may be partakers of Thy Glory hereafter. *Amen.*

SILENT PRAYER.

Jesu, whelmed in fears unknown,
With our evil left alone,
While no light from heaven is shown,
    Hear us, Holy Jesu.

When we vainly seek to pray,
And our hopes seem far away,
In the darkness be our stay,
    Hear us, Holy Jesu.

Though no Father seems to hear,
Though no light our spirits cheer,
Tell our faith that God is near;
    Hear us, Holy Jesu.

O Lord Jesus Christ our sympathizing Saviour, Who didst for man bear the agony of Calvary, draw Thou near to all Thy suffering servants in their pain of body or trouble of mind; hallow all their crosses in this life, and crown them hereafter where all tears are wiped away. *Amen.*

To be said by all together.

O my God, I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee, and I grieve that I have so often wounded Thee by my sins.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.
O Saviour of the world Who by Thy Cross and Precious Blood hast redeemed us,
Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

THE FIFTH WORD.

"I Thirst."

Tune: "*S. Crispin.*" *Hymnal No. 606.*

His are the thousand sparkling rills,
That from a thousand fountains burst,
And fill with music all the hills;
And yet He saith, "I thirst."

All fiery pangs on battlefields,
On fever beds where sick men toss,
Are in that human cry He yields
To anguish on the Cross.

But more than pains that racked Him then,
Was the deep longing thirst Divine,
That thirsted for the souls of men:
Dear Lord, and one was mine.

O Love most patient, give me grace;
Make all my soul athirst for Thee:
That parched dry Lip, that fading Face,
That Thirst were all for me. *Amen.*

ADDRESS.

Let us Pray.

(*Lesser Litany as before.*)

O Most Beloved Lord Jesus Christ, Who for love of us didst suffer agonies on the Cross, and Who, to all Thy shame wouldst, if needful, have added yet more, so that all men might be saved; since all the torments of Thy Passion did not allay the thirst of Thy tender heart, have mercy upon us all in the pain of our last hour. Through the merits of Thy most precious Blood enkindle in our hearts such a fire of Thy love that we may thirst for Thy glory here, and with earnest longings desire to be united to Thee hereafter in eternity. *Amen.*

SILENT PRAYER.

Jesu, in Thy thirst and pain,
While Thy wounds Thy life-blood drain,
Thirsting more our love to gain:
Hear us, Holy Jesu.

Thirst for us in mercy still,
All Thy holy work fulfil,
Satisfy Thy loving will:
Hear us, Holy Jesu.

May we thirst Thy love to know,
Lead us in our sin and woe,
Where the healing waters flow.
Hear us, Holy Jesu.

O Lord Jesus, gracious Saviour of our souls, Who enduring thirst, didst offer Thy whole Self to God, take into Thine unspeakable pity and care our whole selves, our souls and bodies, our senses, words and actions, and grant neither life nor death nor anything which may befall us, may ever separate us from Thee. *Amen.*

To be said by all together.

O my God, I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee, and I grieve that I have so often wounded Thee by my sins.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

O Saviour of the world, Who by Thy Cross and Precious Blood hast redeemed us,
Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

THE SIXTH WORD.

"It is finished."

Tune: "*S. Bride.*" *Hymnal No. 351.*

O Perfect Life of love.
All, all is finished now;
All that He left His throne above
To do for us below.

No work is left undone,
Of all the Father willed;
His toil, His sorrows, one by one
The Scripture have fulfilled.

No pain that we can share
But He has felt its smart;
All forms of human grief and care
Have pierced that tender Heart.

And on His thorn-crowned Head,
And on His sinless Soul,
Our sins in all their guilt were laid,
That He might make us whole.

In perfect love He dies:
For me He dies, for me:
O all-atoning Sacrifice,
I cling by faith to Thee.

In every time of need,
Before the judgment throne,
Thy work, O Lamb of God, I'll plead,
Thy merits, not my own.

Yet work, O Lord, in me,
As Thou for me hast wrought;
And let my love the answer be
To grace Thy love has brought. *Amen.*

ADDRESS.

Let us Pray.

(*Lesser Litany as before.*)

O Most Beloved Lord Jesus Christ, Who for love of us didst suffer on the Cross, and wouldst accept no respite from Thine agony that our redemption might be complete, and torn and bleeding didst cry, "It is finished;" have mercy on us, and mercifully grant so to keep us from sin that we may never forego that precious redemption. Through the infinite merits of Thy suffering detach us entirely from love of self and the world, that at the moment of our death we may confidently rest in Thee, and in Thy Mercy find full pardon for all our sins. *Amen.*

SILENT PRAYER.

Jesu, all our ransom paid,
All Thy Father's will, obeyed,
Be Thy sufferings perfect made:
Hear us, Holy Jesu.

Save us in our soul's distress,
Be our help to cheer and bless,
While we grow in holiness:
Hear us, Holy Jesu.

Brighten all our heavenward way,
With an ever holier ray,
Till we pass to perfect day:
Hear us, Holy Jesu.

O Lord, merciful Saviour, Who didst turn Thine unspeakable woe to be a blessing to us for our eternal advantage, grant us both to bewail the sins which made Thee suffer, and also to live in constant remembrance of Thy redeeming love. *Amen.*

To be said by all together.

O my God, I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee, and I grieve that I have so often wounded Thee by my sins.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

Have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

O Saviour of the world, Who by Thy Cross and Precious Blood hast redeemed us,

Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

THE SEVENTH WORD.

"Father, into Thy Hands I Commend My Spirit."

Tune: "*Strength and Stay.*" *Hymnal No. 177.*

And now, Beloved Lord, Thy Soul resigning
Into Thy Father's Arms with conscious Will,
Calmly with reverend grace, Thy Head inclining,
The throbbing Brow and labouring Breast grow still.

Freely Thy life Thou yieldest, meekly bending
E'en to the last beneath our sorrow's load,
Yet strong in death, in perfect peace commending
Thy Spirit to Thy Father and Thy God.

Sweet Saviour, in mine hour of mortal anguish,
When earth grows dim, and round me falls the night,
O breathe Thy peace, as flesh and spirit languish;
At that dread eventide let there be light.

To Thy dear Cross turn Thou mine eyes in dying;
Lay but my fainting head upon Thy Breast;
Those outstretched Arms receive my latest sighing;
And then, oh! then, Thine everlasting rest. *Amen.*

ADDRESS.

Let us Pray.

(*Lesser Litany as before.*)

O Most Beloved Lord Jesus Christ, Who for love of us didst suffer the agony of the Cross, and to complete so great a Sacrifice didst accept the will of Thy Father by resigning Thy Spirit into His Hands and bowing

Thy Head and dying, have mercy on all men and on us at the hour of death. Through the merits of Thy most precious Blood give us in our last moments an entire submission to Thy will, so that we may be ready to live or die as it shall best please Thee. *Amen.*

SILENT PRAYER.

Jesu, all Thy labor vast,
All Thy woe and conflict past,
Yielding up Thy soul at last:
    Hear us, Holy Jesu.

When the death-shades round us lower,
Guard us from the tempter's power,
Keep us in that trial hour:
    Hear us, Holy Jesu.

May Thy life and death supply,
Grace to live and grace to die,
Grace to reach the Home on high:
    Hear us, Holy Jesu.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who for the Salvation of the world didst die upon the Cross, vouchsafe to offer to Thy Father, for our sinful souls, all the bitterness Thou didst endure in that hour when Thy Soul departed from the Body, and receive us at our last hour unto Thine eternal keeping. *Amen.*

To be said by all together.

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, refresh me.

Water from the Side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me,
O Good Jesu, hear me,
Within Thy Wounds hide me;
Suffer me not to be separated from Thee:
From the malicious enemy defend me;
In the hour of my death, call me:
And bid me come to Thee;
That with Thy Saints I may praise Thee
Through all eternity. *Amen.*

Then shall be sung:

Hymnal No. 12.

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away,
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou Who changest not, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless:
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness,
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy Cross before my closing eyes:
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies:
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee:
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me. *Amen.*

O Lord Jesu Christ, Son of the living God, we beseech Thee to place Thy Passion, Cross and Death between Thy Judgment and our souls, now and at the hour of our death. Vouchsafe to give us grace and mercy, pardon to the living, eternal rest to the dead, peace to Thy Church, and to all sinners everlasting life and glory; Who with the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest One God, world without end. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of Thy Blessed Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, so by continual mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with Him: and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass to our joyful resurrection; for His merits, Who died and was buried, and rose again for us, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, Whose days are without end, and Whose mercies cannot be numbered: make us, we beseech Thee, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life: and let Thy Holy Spirit lead us through this vale of misery, in holiness and righteousness, all the days of our lives: that when we shall have served Thee in our generation, we may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience:

in the communion of the Catholic Church; in the confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope; in favor with Thee our God, and in perfect charity with the world. All which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, with Whom do live the spirits of those who depart hence in the Lord, and with Whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity; we give Thee hearty thanks for the good examples of all those Thy servants, who, having finished their course in faith, do now rest from their labors; and we beseech Thee, that we, with all those who are departed in the true faith of Thy Holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in Thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Blessing.

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection we commit you. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you, and give you peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

XI.

The Office of Sext.

All kneeling, let the reader begin.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingom come. Thy Will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

V. O God, make speed to save us.
R. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Then all standing up, the reader shall say:

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son; and to the Holy Ghost;
R. As it was in the beginning. is now, and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

(In Eastertide.—Alleluia.)

This hymn is said daily through the year, save from Maundy Thursday to Low Sunday, when all the hymns are omitted in the offices.

Hymn. Rector potens verax Deus.

O God of truth, O Lord of might,
Who orderest time and change aright,
Brightening the morn with golden gleams,
Kindling the noonday's fiery beams;

Quench Thou in us the flames of strife,
From passion's heat preserve our life,
Our bodies keep from perils free,
And give our souls true peace in Thee.

Almighty Father, hear our cry,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord most High,
Who, with the Holy Ghost and Thee,
Doth live and reign eternally. *Amen.*

Then let the Reader say the Antiphon.

Ant. Let me not be disappointed of my nope.

Psalm CXIX. Defecit anima mea.

81. My soul hath longed for Thy salvation: and I have a good hope because of Thy word.
82. Mine eyes long sore for Thy word: saying, O when wilt Thou comfort me?

83. For I am become like a bottle in the smoke: yet I do not forget Thy statutes.

84. How many are the days of Thy servant: when wilt Thou be avenged of them that persecute me?

85. The proud have digged pits for me: which are not after Thy law.

86. All Thy commandments are true: they persecute me falsely; O be Thou my help.

87. They had almost made an end of me upon earth: but I forsook not Thy commandments.

88. O quicken me after Thy loving kindness: and so shall I keep the testimonies of Thy mouth.

89. O Lord, Thy word; endureth forever in heaven.

90. Thy word also remaineth from one generation to another: Thou hast laid the foundation of the earth, and it abideth.

91. They continue this day according to Thy ordinance: for all things serve Thee.

92. If my delight had not been in Thy law: I should have perished in my trouble.

93. I will never forget Thy commandments: for with them Thou hast quickened me.

94. I am Thine, O save me: for I have sought Thy commandments.

95. The ungodly laid wait for me to destroy me: but I will consider Thy testimonies.

96. I see that all things come to an end: but Thy commandment is exceeding broad.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Quomodo dilexi.

97. Lord, what love have I unto Thy law: all the day long is my study in it.

98. Thou through Thy commandments hast made me wiser than my enemies: for they are ever with me.

99. I have more understanding than my teachers: for Thy testimonies are my study.

100. I am wiser than the aged: because I keep Thy commandments.

101 I have refrained my feet from every evil way: that I may keep Thy word.

102. I have not shrunk from Thy judgments: for Thou teachest me.

103. O how sweet are Thy words unto my throat: yea, sweeter than honey unto my mouth.

104. Through Thy commandments I get understanding: therefore I hate all evil ways.

105. Thy word is a lantern unto my feet: and a light unto my path.

106. I have sworn, and am steadfastly purposed: to keep Thy righteous judgments.

107. I am troubled above measure: quicken me, O Lord, according to Thy word.

108. Let the free-will offerings of my mouth please Thee, O Lord: and teach me Thy judgments.

109. My soul is always in my hand: yet I do not forget Thy law.

110. The ungodly have laid a snare for me: but yet I swerved not from Thy commandments.

111. Thy testimonies have I claimed as mine heritage forever: and why, they are the very joy of my heart.

112. I have applied my heart to fulfil Thy statutes always: even unto the end.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Iniquos odio habui.

113. I hate them that imagine evil things: but Thy law do I love.

114. Thou art my defence and shield: and my trust is in Thy word.

115. Away from me, ye wicked: I will keep the commandments of my God.

116. O stablish me according to Thy word, that I may live: and let me not be disappointed of my hope.

117. Hold Thou me up, and I shall be safe: yea, my delight shall be ever in Thy statutes.

118. Thou hast trodden down all them that depart from Thy statutes; for they imagine but deceit.

119. Thou puttest away all the ungodly of the earth like dross: therefore I love Thy testimonies.

120. My flesh trembleth for fear of Thee: and I am afraid of Thy judgments.

121. I deal with the thing that is lawful and right: O give me not over unto mine oppressors.

122. Make Thou Thy servant to delight in that which is good: that the proud do me no wrong.

123. Mine eyes are wasted away with looking for Thy health: and for the word of Thy righteousness.

124. O deal with Thy servant according unto Thy loving mercy: and teach me Thy statutes.

125. I am Thy servant, O grant me understanding: that I may know Thy testimonies.

126. It is time for Thee, Lord, to lay to Thine hand: for they have destroyed Thy law.

127. For I love Thy commandments: above gold and precious stone.

128. Therefore hold I straight all Thy commandments: and all false ways I utterly abhor.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Repeat the Antiphon all together.

The Little Chapter. (*1 S. John V. 7.*)

There are Three that bear record in Heaven: The Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these Three are One.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. O Lord, Thy word endureth forever in Heaven.

R. O Lord, Thy word endureth forever in Heaven.

V. Thy truth also remaineth from one generation to another.

R. For ever in Heaven.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

R. O Lord, Thy word endureth for ever in Heaven.

V. The Lord is my shepherd.

R. Therefore can I lack nothing.

Then shall be said the following prayers, on week days, all kneeling, but on Sundays and Festivals and from Easter to Trinity here follows the Collect for the day, etc.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

V. I said Lord, be merciful unto me.
R. Heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee.
V. Turn Thee again, O Lord, at the last.
R. And be gracious unto Thy servants.
V. Let Thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us.
R. As we do put our trust in Thee.
V. Let Thy priests be clothed with righteousness.
R. And Thy Saints sing with joyfulness.
V. O Lord, save the State.
R. And mercifully hear us when we call upon Thee.
V. O God, save Thy servants and handmaidens.
R. Which put their trust in Thee.
V. O Lord, save Thy people.
R. And bless Thine inheritance.
V. Peace be within Thy walls.

R. And plenteousness within Thy palaces.

V. Let us pray for the dead in Christ.

R. Grant them, O Lord, eternal rest, and let everlasting light shine upon them.

V. Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto Thee.

R. Have mercy upon me, and hear me.

Then let the Reader, if a Priest, stand and say.

V. O Lord, arise, help us.

R. And deliver us for Thy Name's sake.

V. Turn Thee again, O Lord God of Hosts.

R. Show the light of Thy Countenance, and we shall be whole.

V. Lord, hear our prayer.

R. And let our cry come unto Thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with Thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Then shall be said the Collect for the day, after which may be added,

O Most gracious Jesus, our Lord and our God, Who, as at this hour, didst bear our sins in Thine own Body on the Tree, that we being dead to sin might live unto righteousness, have mercy upon us, we beseech Thee, both now and at the hour of our death; and grant unto us, Thy humble servants, with all other Christian people who have this Thy blessed Passion in devout remembrance, a godly and peaceful

life in this present world, and through Thy grace eternal glory in the life to come, where with the Father and the Holy Ghost, Thou livest and reignest ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, Who at the sixth hour of the day, didst hang upon the Cross of pain; whereon thirsting for our salvation, Thou didst permit gall and vinegar to be given Thee to drink, we Thy suppliants beseech Thee that Thou wouldst kindle and inflame our hearts with the love of Thy Passion, and make us continually to find our delight in Thee alone, our crucified Lord; Who livest and reignest, God, world without end. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, we beseech Thee to hear our prayers for all such as sin against Thee, or neglect to serve thee; that Thou wouldst bestow upon them true contrition, and an earnest desire to devote themselves to Thy holy service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Here occasional prayers may be added, and the Office may be closed according to the customary form.

XII.

Compline.

(*According to the ancient use of the Church.*)

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy Will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

V. Turn us, O God, our Saviour;
R. And let Thine anger cease from us.
V. O God, make speed to save us.
R. O Lord, make haste to help us.
V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Alleluia. (*But from Septuagesima to Easter, instead of Alleluia, is said,* Glory be to Thee, O Lord, King of Eternal Glory.)
Antiphon. Have mercy.

Psalm IV.

Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: Thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.

O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme Mine honour: and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after falsehood?

Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to Himself the man that is godly: when I call upon the Lord, He will hear me.

Stand in awe and sin not: commune with your own heart, and in your chamber, and be still.

Offer the sacrifice of righteousness: and put your trust in the Lord.

There be many that say: who will show us any good?

Lord, lift Thou up: the Light of Thy countenance upon us.

Thou hast put gladness in my heart: since the time that their corn, and wine, and oil increased.

I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest: for it is Thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Psalm XXXI. Verses 1-6.

In Thee, O Lord, have I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion, deliver me in Thy righteousness.

Bow down Thine ear to me: make haste to deliver me.

And be Thou my strong rock, and house of defence: that Thou mayest save me.

For Thou art my strong rock, and my castle: be Thou also my guide, and lead me for Thy name's sake.

Draw me out of the net, that they have laid privily for me: for Thou art my strength.

Into Thy hands I commend my spirit: for Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, Thou God of truth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Psalm XCI.

Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the Most High: shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope and my stronghold: my God, in Him will I trust.

For He shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter: and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall defend thee under His wings: and thou shalt be safe under His feathers: His faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night: nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

For the pestilence that walketh in darkness: nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day.

A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at the right hand: but it shall not come nigh thee.

Yea, with thine eye shalt thou behold: and see the reward of the ungodly.

For Thou, Lord, art my hope: Thou hast set Thine house of defence very high.

There shall no evil happen unto thee: neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For He shall give His angels charge over thee: to keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee in their hands: that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.

Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.

Because he hath set his love upon Me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him up, because he hath known My Name.

He shall call upon Me, and I will hear him: yea, I am with him in trouble: I will deliver him, and bring him to honour.

With long life will I satisfy him: and show him My salvation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Psalm CXXXIV.

Behold now, praise the Lord: all ye servants of the Lord;

Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord: even in the courts of the house of our God.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary: and praise the Lord.

The Lord that made heaven and earth: give thee blessing out of Sion.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Ant. Have mercy upon me, O Lord, and hearken unto my prayer.

The Chapter. Jeremiah xiv. 9.

Thou, O Lord, are in the midst of us, and we are called by Thy name; leave us not, O Lord our God.

R. Thanks be to God.

Here shall follow a Hymn according to the season.

V. Keep me as the apple of an eye.

R. Hide me under the shadow of Thy wings.

Ant. Save us.

Nunc Dimittis.

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace: according to Thy word.

For mine eyes have seen: Thy salvation.

Which Thou hast prepared: before the face of all people.

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Ant. Save us, O Lord, waking and guard us sleeping that we may watch with Christ, and may sleep in peace.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

V. I will lay me down in peace.
R. And take my rest.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried, He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

V. Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

R. Let us praise Him and magnify Him for ever.

V. Blessed be Thou O Lord, in the firmament of heaven:

R. And praised for evermore.

V. May the Almighty and merciful Lord bless us and keep us.

R. Amen.

We confess to God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, through our fault, through our own grievous fault; therefore we pray God to have mercy upon us.

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, deliver us from every evil, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life. *Amen.*

If a Priest be present, he will add.

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, time for true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of His Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

V. Wilt Thou not turn again and quicken us, O Lord?

R. That Thy people may rejoice in Thee.

V. Show us Thy mercy, O Lord.

R. And grant us Thy salvation.

V. Vouchsafe, O Lord,

R. To keep us this night without sin.
V. O Lord, have mercy upon us.
R. Have mercy upon us.
V. O Lord, let Thy mercy lighten upon us.
R. As our trust is in Thee.
V. Turn us again, O Lord God of Hosts.
R. Shew the light of Thy countenance and we shall be whole.
V. O Lord, hear our prayer.
R. And let our cry come unto Thee.
V. The Lord be with you;
R. And with Thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord; and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night: for the love of Thy only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Here other collects may be used, and the Office closed according to the customary form.

XIII.

The Itinerary.

(*Before a journey.*)

Ant. In the way of peace.

Benedictus. (*All kneeling.*)

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel: for He hath visited, and redeemed His people;

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us: in the house of His servant David;

As He spake by the mouth of His Holy Prophets: which have been since the world began;

That we should be saved from our enemies: and from the hand of all that hate us;

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers: and to remember His Holy Covenant;

To perform the oath which He sware to our forefather Abraham: that He would give us;

That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies: might serve Him without fear;

In holiness and righteousness before Him: all the days of our life;

And thou, Child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto His people: for the remission of their sins;

Through the tender mercy of our God: whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death: and to guide our feet in the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Ant. In the way of peace and prosperity, the Almighty and Merciful Lord direct them: and may His Angel accompany them on their way, that they may return in peace, in safety, and in joy.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, &c.

V. O Lord, save Thy servants.
R. That put their trust in Thee.
V. Send them help from Thy Holy Place.
R. And strengthen them out of Zion.
V. Be Thou unto them a strong tower.
R. From the face of the enemy.
V. Let the enemy have no advantage against them.
R. Nor the wicked approach to hurt them.
V. Blessed be the Lord from day to day.

R. The God of our salvation make their journey prosperous unto them.

V. Shew us Thy ways, O Lord.

R. And teach us Thy paths.

V. O that our ways were made so direct.

R. That we might keep Thy statutes.

V. The crooked ways shall be made straight.

R. And the rough places plain.

V. God hath given His angels charge over thee.

R. To keep thee in all thy ways.

V. Lord, hear our prayer.

R. And let our cry come unto Thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O God, Who didst cause the children of Israel to go on dry land through the midst of the sea, and Who by the leading of a star didst open to the wise men a way unto Thyself: grant to Thy servants we beseech Thee, a prosperous journey and a quiet time; that, with Thy Holy Angel as their guide, they may happily reach the place whither they would go, and finally attain to the haven of eternal salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, Who didst bring Abraham Thy servant, out of Ur of the Chaldees, and didst preserve him unhurt through all his pilgrimage: we beseech Thee, that Thou wouldest vouchsafe to keep these Thy servants: be unto them, O Lord, their Support in setting out,

their Solace by the way, a Shadow in the heat, a Covering in the storm, Rest in weariness, their Guardian in adversity, their Staff in slippery places, and a Haven in shipwreck, that Thou being their Ruler and Guide they may in safety reach their journey's end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of Thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by Thy most gracious and ready help, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, to this Thy family a way of safety, that they, following the doctrine of the blessed forerunner St. John may, without let or hindrance attain to Him Whom he foretold, Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

V. May they go forth in peace.
R. In the name of the Lord. *Amen.*

XIV.

Collects, Epistles and Gospels for Special Occasions.

Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for use at Holy Matrimony.

Collect.

Almighty and everlasting God, Who hast given unto us Thy servants grace by the confession of a true faith to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity: we beseech Thee, that Thou wouldest keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities. Hear us, O almighty and merciful God: that what we minister by our office, may be abundantly fulfilled by Thy blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Epistle. 1 Corinthians vi., 15.

Brethren, know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid. What? Know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith He, shall be one flesh. But he that is joined unto the

Lord is one spirit. Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

GOSPEL. St. Matthew xix., 3.

The Pharisees came unto Jesus, tempting Him, and saying unto Him: Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? And He answered and said unto them: Have ye not read, that He Which made them at the beginning made them male and female, and said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

COLLECTS, EPISTLE, AND GOSPEL FOR USE AT THE PARISH FESTIVAL OF A CHURCH.

COLLECT.

O God, Who art Thyself the Author of all gifts that are dedicated unto Thee, pour forth Thy benediction upon this house of prayer: that all who herein shall call upon Thy Name, may perceive and know the aid of Thy help and protection: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or this:

O God, Who year by year restorest to us the day of the consecration of This Thy Holy Temple, and dost suffer us continually to present ourselves in safety at Thy Holy Mysteries: hear the prayers of Thy people, and grant that whosoever shall enter this Temple to ask Thy blessing, may rejoice in that he has gained all his petitions: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR THE EPISTLE. Revelation xxi., 2.

I, John, saw the Holy City, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying: Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow or crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And He that sat upon the throne said: Behold, I make all things new.

GOSPEL. St. Luke xix., i.

Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. And, behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich. And he sought to see Jesus, who He was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature. And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him; for He was to pass that way. And when

Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said unto him: Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down, for to-day I must abide at thy house. And he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying: That He was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner. And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord: Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore it fourfold. And Jesus said unto him: This day is salvation come to this house, forasmuch as he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

COLLECT, EPISTLE, AND GOSPEL FOR USE AT FUNERALS.

COLLECT.

O Merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who is the Resurrection and the Life; in Whom whosoever believeth shall live, though he die; and whosoever liveth, and believeth in Him, shall not die eternally; Who also hath taught us, by His holy Apostle Saint Paul, not to be sorry, as men without hope, for them that sleep in Him; We meekly beseech Thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness; that, when we shall depart this life, we may rest in Him, as our hope is this our *brother* doth; and that, at the general Resurrection in the last day, we may be found acceptable in Thy sight; and receive that blessing, which Thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all who love and fear Thee,

saying, Come, ye blessed children of My Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world: Grant this, we beseech Thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

EPISTLE. 1 Thess. iv., 13.

I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

GOSPEL. St. John xi., 21.

Then said Martha unto Jesus: Lord, if Thou hadst been here my brother had not died. But I know, that even now, whatsoever Thou wilt ask of God, God will give it Thee. Jesus saith unto her: Thy brother shall rise again. Martha saith unto Him: I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. Jesus said unto her: I am the Resurrection,

and the Life; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. Believest thou this? She saith unto Him: Yea Lord; I believe that Thou are the Christ, the Son of God, Which should come into the world.

XV.

Hymns for Special Occasions.

1.

PROCESSIONAL.

Cantors—

1. Hail, Festal Day! Hail, ever sacred Tide,
   Wherein the Bridegroom weds the Church, His Bride.
   Chorus—Hail, &c.

Cantors—

1. This is the court of God; the craving mind
   Here wealth of Solomon in peace may find;
   Hail, &c.

Cantors—

2. Here David's Son, Who Heaven and Earth doth span,
   In this our mother's home is God and Man;
   Hail, &c.

Cantors—

3. Ye have a harmony with Heaven above,
   If but the Faith be kept, the bond of love:
   Hail, &c.

Cantors—

4. Here new Jerusalem, all pure and bright
Descends from God in bridal vesture dight:
Hail, &c.

Cantors—

5. The King of Righteousness within this Place
From Heav'n bestows the Font's Baptismal grace;
Hail, &c.

Cantors—

6. 'Tis here the soul draws nigh to David's shrine,
Here finds the Pledges, mystical, divine;
Hail, &c.

Cantors—

7. This is the Ark of God, which goes before
Our steps advancing on from shore to shore;
Hail, &c.

Cantors—

8. Here Jacob's ladder points the heavenly way,
Here we ascend to Life's eternal day;

Chorus—

Hail, Festal Day! Hail, ever sacred Tide,
Wherein the Bridegroom weds the Church His Bride. *Amen.*

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2. DEDICATION FESTIVAL.

Archbishop Benson. (*From Latin, VII cent.*)

Tune 399. "*Regent Square.*"

Blessed City, heavenly Salem,
  Peaceful vision dim-descried:
Built of living stones elected,
  Built forever to abide;
Angel-circled, as the Virgins
  For the Bridegroom deck the Bride.

Newly bright from heaven descending.
  Robed in bridal raiment meet,
Ready for the heavenly marriage,
  Forth she comes her Lord to greet;
Glorious shine her golden bulwarks;
  Shines the golden-pavèd street.

Radiant gleam the pearly portals,
  Widely flung each ample door,
Where in marriage garments glistening
  They are entering evermore,
Who the bitter cross embracing
  Christ's reproach in this world bore.

Stern the strokes, the dint was heavy,
  Keen the graving of His hand,
Ere each finished stone was planted
  As the Master-Builder planned,
Beauteous, changeless, through all ages,
  In the House of God to stand.

Deeply laid, a sure Foundation,
  Christ, the Anointed Corner-stone,
Reaching on to every nation,
  Binding both the walls in one,
Sion's joy and strong salvation,
  Makes the faithful all His own.

All her halls a royal priesthood
  Fills with music gloriously,
Praise of God from saintly voices,
  Ringing out melodiously,
Heralding with endless joyance
  God the One in Persons three.

Visit, Lord, this earthly temple
  Where Thy Presence we implore;
Here receive the rising incense
  From the hearts that Thee adore;
Sprinkle here Thy benediction,
  Dews of healing evermore.

Mete Thou here the promised measure,
  Running o'er and closely pressed,
Foretaste of the eternal pleasure
  By the saints in light possessed;
There our heart is, there our treasure,
  Paradise, and Home, and Rest.

To the Everlasting Father,
  And the Son, Who reigns on high,
With the Holy Ghost proceeding,
  Forth from each eternally,
Honour, glory, virtue, blessing,
  Praise, and might and majesty. *Amen.*

3. DEDICATION FESTIVAL.

Isaac Williams. (*Translated from the Latin.*)

Tune 410. "*Franconia.*"

O Word of God above,
  Who fillest all in all,
Hallow this house with Thy sure love,
  And bless our Festival.

Here from the Font is pour'd,
  Grace on each sinful child;
The blest Anointing of the Lord
  Brightens the once defiled.

Here Christ to faithful hearts
  His Body gives for food,
The Lamb of God Himself imparts
  The Chalice of His Blood.

Here guilty souls that pine
  May health and pardon win;
The Judge acquits, and grace Divine
  Restores the dead in sin.

Yea, God enthroned on high
  Here also dwells to bless;
Here trains adoring souls that sigh
  His mansions to possess.

Against this holy home
  Rude tempests harmless beat
And Satan's angels fiercely come
  But to endure defeat.

All might, all praise be Thine,
  Father, Co-Equal Son,
And Spirit, Bond of Love Divine,
  While endless ages run. *Amen.*

4. ALL SAINTS' TIDE.

T. B. Pollock. (*Trans. from Latin, XV cent.*)

Tune 400. "*Oriel.*"

Who the multitudes can number
  In the mansions of the blest,
He can weigh the joys eternal
  By those ransom'd ones possess'd;
Exiled now on earth no longer,
  They have gained the Home of Rest.

Happily at last deliver'd
  From the mournful vale of tears,
Sweet is now their recollection
  Of the sad and troubled years;
While fulfill'd in all perfection
  God's eternal plan appears.

They behold their Tempter fallen,
  Bound in everlasting chain;
Praising Christ, their gracious Saviour,
  All unite in joyful strain,
Christ the great reward and portion
  Which adoring spirits gain.

Now in shadow and in figure,
  Mirror'd in imperfect light,
Then, as we are known, our knowledge
  Shall be clear, unveil'd, and bright;
For on God's unclouded glory
  We shall gaze with cleansèd sight.

Then the Trinity of Persons
  We shall face to face behold,
And the Unity of Substance
  Shall its mystery unfold;
As the wondrous Triune Godhead
  We adore in bliss untold.

Courage, man, be strong, be faithful,
  Whatsoe'er thy burden be,
For unbounded are the glories
  Which thy sorrows work for thee;
Soon the Light of light for ever
  Shall thine eyes with rapture see.

God the Father, Fount of being,
  Thee, most Highest, we adore;
God the Son, our praise and homage
  We present Thy Throne before;
Glorious Paraclete, we worship,
  And we bless Thee evermore. *Amen.*

5. ALL SAINTS' TIDE.

Bride of Christ, whose glorious warfare
  Here on earth hath never rest;
Lift Thy voice, and tell the triumphs
  Of the holy and the blest:
Joyous be the day we hallow,
  Feast of all the Saints on high,
Earth and Heav'n together blending
  In one solemn harmony.

First the blessed Virgin-mother,
  Reunited to her Son,
Leads the host of ransom'd people,
  Who unfading crowns have won;
John the herald, Christ's forerunner,
  More than Prophet, heads the throng,
Seer and Patriarch responsive
  Unto Psalmist in their song.

Lo, the Twelve, majestic Princes,
  In the court of Jesus sit,
Calmly watching, while the conflict
  Rages far beneath their feet:
Lo, the Martyrs, robed in crimson,
  Sign of life-blood freely spent,
Finding life, because they lost it,
  Dwell in undisturb'd content.

All the saintly host who witnessed
  Good confessions for His sake—
Priest and Deacon, world renouncing,
  Of their Master's joy partake;
Virgins to the Lamb devoted,
  Following with steadfast love,
Bring their lilies and their roses
  To the Marriage Feast above.

All, their happy lot fulfilling,
  God Omnipotent proclaim;
Holy, Holy, Holy, crying,
  Glory to His Holy Name!
So may God in mercy grant us
  Here to serve in holiness,
Till He call us to the portion
  Which His Saints in light possess. *Amen.*

6. SAINTS' DAYS.

John M. Neale. (*From Latin of S. Peter Damiani.*)

Tune 75. "*Dulce Carmen.*"

Where the Sacred Body lieth,
  Eagle souls together speed,
There the Saints and there the Angels
  Seek refreshment in their need,
And the sons of earth and Heaven
  On that One Bread ever feed.

Ever full, but hungry ever,
  What they have they still desire;
Never suffer surfeit's loathing,
  Nor yet famine's torment dire;
Hungering, still, they eat, and eating,
  Still the sacred Food require.

In new harmonies unceasing,
  They with voice melodious sing,
While their listening ears are gladdened
  With the harp's exultant ring;
And, for He hath made them victors,
  Praises chant they to their King.

Who shall see Heaven's Monarch present,
  O how blest that happy soul,
And beneath His Throne of glory,
  Watch the orbs of nature roll,
Sun and moon and stars and planets,
  As they course around the pole.

Jesus, Palm of all Thy soldiers,
  Who in Thee alone confide,
Bring us to that holy City,
  When our arms are laid aside,
Grant that we may share the portion,
  Of the Saints who there abide.

While the war is yet unended,
  Give us vigor for the fray,
Give us, when the fight is over,
  Peace That passeth not away,
Give Thyself to us, O Jesu,
  As our one Reward for aye. *Amen.*

7. SAINTS' DAYS.

Tune 402. "*Beatitudo.*"

How bright these glorious spirits shine!
  Whence all their white array?
How came they to the blissful seats
  Of everlasting day?

Lo! these are they from sufferings great
  Who came to realms of light;
And in the Blood of Christ have wash'd
  Those robes that shine so bright.

Now with triumphal palms they stand
  Before the Throne on high,
And serve the God they love amidst
  The glories of the sky.

Hunger and thirst are felt no more,
  Nor sun with scorching ray;
God is their Sun, Whose cheering beams
  Diffuse Eternal Day.

The Lamb Who dwells amidst the Throne
  Shall o'er them still preside,
Feed them with nourishment Divine,
  And all their footsteps guide.

Midst pastures green He'll lead His flock
  Where living streams appear;
And God the Lord from every eye
  Shall wipe off every tear.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
  The God Whom we adore,
Be glory as it was, is now,
  And shall be evermore. *Amen.*

8. FOR FEASTS OF THE B. V. M.

Tuue 346. "*Lambeth.*"

Shall we not love thee, Mother dear,
  Whom Jesus loves so well?
And, to His glory, year by year,
  Thy joy and honour tell?

Bound with the curse of sin and shame
  We helpless sinners lay,
Until in tender love He came
  To bear the curse away.

And thee He chose from whom to take
  True flesh His Flesh to be:
In It to suffer for our sake,
  By It to make us free.

Thy Babe He lay upon thy breast,
  To thee He cried for food;
Thy gentle nursing soothed to rest
  Th' Incarnate Son of God.

Oh, wondrous depth of grace Divine
  That He should bend so low:
And, Mary, oh, what joy 'twas thine
  In His dear love to know.

Joy to be Mother of the Lord,
  And thine the truer bliss,
In every thought, and deed, and word
  To be for ever His.

And as He loves thee, Mother dear,
  We too will love thee well;
And, to His glory, year by year,
  Thy joy and honour tell.

Jesu, the Virgin's Holy Son,
  We praise Thee and adore,
Who art with God the Father One
  And Spirit evermore. *Amen.*

9. FOR SAINT STEPHEN'S DAY.

Holy Stephen, heav'nward gazing
  With entrancèd eyes,
Saw the Son of Man in glory
  Thro' the opening skies.

Stole into his soul the mem'ry
  Of the tender word
Spoken in the hour of anguish
  By his dying Lord.

And with failing breath he pleaded
  By that pardoning love
For his fierce and cruel murderers
  Mercy from above.

Stephen fell asleep, and angels
  Speeding from the skies,
Bore his soul in royal triumph
  Into Paradise.

Father, as we kneel adoring
  At Thine Altar Throne,
May our eyes by Faith enlighten'd
  See Thy Holy Son.

May His gentle Face constrain us
  All our sin to own;
May His sacred Wounds inspire us
  With His Love alone.

May the memory of His Passion
  And His pleading Love
Fill our hearts with sweet compassion
  As we gaze above.

Till the stones that wound and vex us
  In our earthly strife
Turn to jewels that shall crown us
  In the Land of Life.

Grant us, like Thy holy Martyr,
  Steadfast faith to keep;
Grant us, when life's day is ended,
  So to fall asleep. *Amen.*

10. S. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

They come, God's messengers of love,
They come from realms of peace above,
From homes of never-fading light,
From blissful mansions ever bright.

They come to watch around us here,
To sooth our sorrow, calm our fear:
Ye heavenly guides, speed not away,
God willeth you with us to stay.

But chiefly at its journey's end
'Tis yours the spirit to befriend,
And whisper to the faithful heart,
"O Christian soul, in peace depart."

Blest Jesu, Thou Whose groans and tears
Have sanctified frail nature's fears,
To earth in bitter sorrow weigh'd
Thou didst not scorn Thine Angel's aid.

An Angel guard to us supply,
When on the bed of death we lie;
And by Thine own Almighty power
O shield us in the last dread hour.

To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
From all above and all below
Let joyful praise unceasing flow. *Amen.*

11. THANKSGIVING DAY.

We plough the fields, and scatter
  The good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered,
  By God's Almighty Hand;
He sends the snow in winter,
  The warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes, and the sunshine,
  And soft refreshing rain.

All good gifts around us
  Are sent from Heaven above,
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
  For all His love.

He only is the Maker
  Of all things near and far;
He paints the wayside flower,
  He lights the evening star;
The winds and waves obey Him
  By Him the birds are fed;
Much more to us, His children,
  He gives our daily bread,

All good gifts around us, etc.

We thank Thee, then, O Father,
  For all things bright and good,
The seed time and the harvest,
  Our life, our health, our food;
Accept the gifts we offer
  For all Thy love imparts,
And what Thou most desirest,
  Our humble, thankful hearts.

All good gifts around us, etc. *Amen.*

12. THANKSGIVING DAY.

The sower went forth sowing,
  The seed in secret slept
Through weeks of faith and patience,
  Till out the green blade crept;
And warm'd by golden sunshine,
  And fed by silver rain,
At last the fields were whiten'd
  To harvest once again.
O praise the heavenly Sower,
  Who gave the fruitful seed,
And watch'd and water'd duly,
  And ripen'd for our need.

Behold! the heavenly Sower
  Goes forth with better seed,
The Word of sure Salvation,
  With Feet and Hands that bleed;
Here in His Church 'tis scatter'd,
  Our spirits are the soil;

Then let an ample fruitage
  Repay His pain and toil.
Oh, beauteous is the harvest
  Wherein all goodness thrives,
And this the true thanksgiving,
  The first-fruits of our lives.

Within a hallow'd acre
  He sows yet other grain,
When peaceful earth receiveth
  The dead He died to gain;
For though the growth be hidden,
  We know that they shall rise;
Yea even now they ripen
  In sunny Paradise.
O summer land of harvest,
  O fields for ever white
With souls that wear Christ's raiment,
  With crowns of golden light!

One day the heavenly Sower
  Shall reap where He hath sown,
And come again rejoicing,
  And with Him bring His own;
And then the fan of judgment
  Shall winnow from His floor
The chaff into the furnace
  That flameth evermore.
O holy awful Reaper,
  Have mercy in the day
Thou puttest in Thy sickle,
  And cast us not away. *Amen.*

15. HOLY COMMUNION.

Tune 12. "*Benediction.*"

Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour, Thee,
Who in Thy Sacrament dost deign to be:
Both flesh and spirit at Thy Presence fail,
Yet here Thy Presence we devoutly hail.

O blest Memorial of our dying Lord,
Who Living Bread to men doth here afford!
O may our souls for ever feed on Thee,
And Thou, O Christ, for ever precious be.

Fountain of goodness, Jesu, Lord and God,
Cleanse us, unclean, with Thy most cleansing Blood;
Increase our faith and love, that we may know
The hope and peace which from Thy Presence flow.

O Christ, Whom now beneath a veil we see,
May what we thirst for soon our portion be,
To gaze on Thee unveil'd, and see Thy Face,
The vision of Thy glory and Thy grace. *Amen.*

14. HOLY COMMUNION.

Great and Glorious Father, humbly we adore Thee,
  Poor and weak and helpless sinners in Thine eyes;
Yet, in meek obedience, low we fall before Thee,
  Trusting, pleading only Jesus' Sacrifice.

Bowed beneath Thy footstool, yet with boldness pleading
  This the only plea on which our hope relies,
Unto Thee, O Father, all Thy mercy needing,
  Make we this Memorial of Christ's Sacrifice.

To our brother sinners we repeat the story,
  ('Tis the Gospel story pictured to our eyes,)
Ever in this Service, till He comes in glory,
  Showing forth the Saviour's priceless Sacrifice.

For His own dear members He is interceding,
  Far above in light unseen by mortal eyes;
Yet is present now, His faithful children feeding,
  Giving His own Self, their one true Sacrifice.

Then, O gracious Father, bent in reverence lowly,
  We would taste the Pledges we so dearly prize,
Food that none may dare to take with hands unholy,
  Feasting on the once accepted Sacrifice.

Hath He died to save us, in His love so tender,
  And shall we repay Him naught but fruitless sighs?
Nay, our souls and bodies, all we have we render:
  Father, for His sake accept our Sacrifice.

Great and gracious Father, at Thy right hand glorious,
  As our souls to Thee in trembling worship rise,
Lo! the Lamb once offered reigneth now victorious,
  And the Angel choirs adore His Sacrifice!

We too would adore Thee, Saviour, ever raising
  Praises to the Lamb Who reigns above the skies.
Oh, the mercy boundless! Oh, the love amazing!
  Glory be to Thee, our one true Sacrifice. *Amen.*

15. HOLY COMMUNION.

Once, only once, and once for all,
His precious Life He gave;
Before the Cross our spirits fall,
And own it strong to save.

"One offering, single and complete,"
With lips and heart we say;
But what He never can repeat
He shows forth day by day.

For, as the priest of Aaron's line
Within the Holiest stood,
And sprinkled all the mercy-shrine
With sacrificial blood:

So He, Who once atonement wrought,
Our Priest of endless power,
Presents Himself for those He bought
In that dark noontide hour.

His Manhood pleads where now It lives
On Heav'n's eternal Throne,
And where in mystic rite He gives
Its Presence to His own.

And so we show Thy death, O Lord,
Till Thou again appear;
And feel, when we approach Thy Board,
We have an Altar here.

All glory to the Father be,
All glory to the Son,
All glory, Holy Ghost, to Thee
While endless ages run. *Amen.*

16. HOLY COMMUNION.

We pray Thee, heavenly Father,
To hear us in Thy love,
And pour upon Thy children
The unction from above;
That so in love abiding,
From all defilement free,
We may in pureness offer
Our Eucharist to Thee.

Be Thou our Guide and Helper,
O Jesu Christ, we pray;
So may we well approach Thee,
If Thou wilt be the Way;
Thou, very Truth, hast promised
To help us in our strife,
Food of the weary pilgrim,
Eternal Source of Life.

And Thou, Creator Spirit,
Look on us, we are Thine;
Renew in us Thy graces,
Upon our darkness shine;
That, with Thy benediction
Upon our souls outpour'd,
We may receive in gladness
The Body of the Lord.

O Trinity of Persons!
O Unity most High!
On Thee alone relying
Thy servants would draw nigh:
Unworthy in our weakness,
On Thee our hope is stay'd,
And bless'd by Thy forgiveness
We will not be afraid. *Amen.*

17. HOLY COMMUNION.

Tune 405. "*Pearsall.*"

Our Great High Priest is standing
  Before the Eternal Throne,
And pleading there His Merits,
  Our Hope and Peace alone;
And we on earth are pleading,
  By every faithful Priest,
The Precious Blood of Jesus
  In Eucharistic Feast.

The holy souls departed
  Cry out "How long! how long!
Ere we, with friends united,
  Shall join the Triumph Song?"
And we, for consummation
  With all the Faithful Blest,
Cry "Quickly come, Lord Jesus.
  That we may taste Thy Rest!"

O foretaste this of Heaven—
  Our Eucharistic Feast!
Where, all in love uniting,
  The greatest and the least,
Pour forth their deepest praises,
  Their glad thanksgiving high,
For grace and mercy boundless,
  For strength in victory!

The multitude unnumbered,
  Fills all our heart to-day,
The great redeemed chorus
  In purest white array;

The endless "Alleluia,"
  The wondrous deep "Amen,"
The "Holy," Holy, Holy,"
  In Antiphon again!

May we, O Lord, who gather
  To-day in union sweet,
At length be reunited
  Forever at Thy Feet,
And share in vast communion
  The Feast for ever spread,
The Mystical Reflection,
  Our Food, the Angel's Bread!

All Glory to the Father,
  On earth be endless Peace:
We praise, we bless, we worship,
  In songs that never cease:
All glory be to Jesus,
  The Everlasting Son,
And to the Holy Spirit,
  The Three yet ever One. *Amen.*

18. EMBER TIDE.

O Thou Who makest souls to shine
  With light from lighter worlds above,
And droppest glistening Dew Divine
  On all who seek a Saviour's love.

Do Thou Thy Benediction give
  On all who teach, on all who learn,
That so Thy Church may holier live
  And every lamp more brightly burn.

Give those who teach, pure hearts and wise
  Faith, hope, and love, all warmed by prayer;
Themselves first training for the skies,
  They best will raise their people there.

Give those who learn, the willing ear,
  The spirit meek, the guileless mind.
Such gifts will make the lowliest here
  Far better than a Kingdom find.

O bless the shepherd; bless the sheep,
  That guide and guided both be one.
One in the faithful watch they keep,
  Until this hurrying life be done.

If thus, good Lord, Thy grace be given
  In Thee to live, in Thee to die,
Before we upward pass to Heaven
  We taste our immortality. *Amen.*

19. CHURCH DEFENCE, (*or Gatherings of Clergy.*)

Tune 123. "*Lux Eoi.*"

Round the Sacred City gather
  Egypt, Edom, Babylon;
All the warring hosts of error,
  Sworn against her, move as one:
Vain the leaguer! her foundations
  Are upon the holy hills,
And the love of the Eternal
  All her stately temple fills.

Get thee, watchman, to the rampart,
  Gird thee, warrior, with thy sword!
Be ye strong as ye remember
  That amidst you is the Lord:
Like the night mists from the valley,
  These shall vanish one by one,
Egypt's malice, Edom's envy,
  And the hate of Babylon.

But be true, ye sons and daughters,
  Lest the peril be within;
Watch to prayer, lest, while ye slumber,
  Stealthy foemen enter in:
Safe the mother and the children,
  If their will and love be strong,
While their loyal hearts go singing
  Prayer and praise for battle song.

Church of God, if we forget thee
  Let His blessings fail our hand,
When our love shall not prefer thee
  Let His love forget our land:—
Nay! to thee shall we be steadfast,
  Though the world's foundations shake,
Love of thee is love for ever,
  Love of thee for Jesus sake.

Church of Christ! upon thy banner,
  Lo, His Passion's awful sign;
By the seal of His Redemption
  Thou art His, and He is thine:
From the depth of His Atonement
  Flows thy Sacramental tide;
From the height of His Ascension
  Flows the grace which is thy guide.

God the Spirit dwells within thee,
  His Society Divine,
His the living word thou keepest,
  His thy Apostolic line.
Ancient prayer and song liturgic,
  Creeds that change not to the end.
As His gift we have received them,
  As His charge we will defend.

Alleluia, Alleluia,
  To the Father, Spirit, Son,
In Whose will the Church at warfare
  With the Church at rest is one
So to Thee we sing in union,
  God in earth and Heav'n adored,
Alleluia, Alleluia,
  Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord. *Amen.*

20. AT A MEMORIAL SERVICE.

(*Rev. J. M. Neale, D. D.*)

They whose course on earth is o'er,
Think they of their brethren more?
They before the Throne who bow,
Feel they for their brethren now?

We, by enemies distrest—
They in Paradise at rest;
We the captives—they the freed—
We and they are one indeed.

One in all we seek or shun,
One—because our Lord is one;
One in heart and one in love—
We below, and they above.

Those whom many a land divides,
Many mountains, many tides,
Have they with each other part,
Fellowship of heart with heart?

Each to each may be unknown,
Wide apart their lots be thrown;
Diff'ring tongues their lips may speak,
One be strong and one be weak;

Yet in Sacrament and prayer
Each with other hath a share;
Hath a share in tear and sigh,
Watch, and Fast, and Litany.

Saints departed even thus
Hold communion still with us;
Still with us, beyond the veil
Praising, pleading without fail.

With them still our hearts we raise,
Share their work, and join their praise,
Rend'ring worship, thanks, and love
To the Trinity above. *Amen.*

21. FOR AN EVENING SERVICE.

The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
The darkness falls at Thy behest;
To Thee our morning hymns ascended,
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank Thee that Thy Church unsleeping,
While earth rolls onward into light,
Though all the world her watch is keeping,
And rests not now by day or night.

As o'er each continent and island
  The dawn leads on another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent,
  Nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking
  Our brethren 'neath the western sky,
And hour by hour fresh lips are making
  Thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord; Thy throne shall never,
  Like earth's proud empires, pass away;
Thy Kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
  Till all Thy creatures own Thy sway. *Amen.*

22. LENT.

"Christian! seek not yet repose,"
  Hear thy guardian Angel say;
  Thou art in the midst of foes;
    "Watch and pray."

  Principalities and powers,
  Mustering their unseen array,
  Wait for thy unguarded hours:
    "Watch and pray."

  Gird thy heavenly armor on,
  Wear it ever night and day;
  Ambush'd lies the evil one;
    "Watch and pray."

  Hear the victors who o'ercame;
  Still they mark each warrior's way;
  All with one sweet voice exclaim,
    "Watch and pray."

Hear, above all, hear the Lord,
Him thou lovest to obey;
Hide within thy heart His Word,
"Watch and pray."

Watch, as if on that alone
Hung the issue of the day;
Pray, that help may be sent down;
"Watch and pray." *Amen.*

23. MISSION SERVICES.

Souls of men! why will ye scatter
Like a crowd of frighten'd sheep?
Foolish hearts! why will ye wander
From a love so true and deep?

Was there ever kindest shepherd
Half so gentle, half so sweet,
As the Saviour Who would have us
Come and gather round His feet?

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in His justice,
Which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in Heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgment given.

There is plentiful redemption
In the Blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members
In the sorrow of the Head.

For the love of God is broader
  Than the measure of man's mind;
And the Heart of the Eternal
  Is most wonderfully kind.

Pining souls! come nearer Jesus,
  And oh! come not doubting thus,
But with faith that trusts more bravely
  His huge tenderness for us.

If our love were but more simple,
  We should take Him at His word,
And our lives would be all sunshine
  In the sweetness of our Lord. *Amen.*

24. ALMSGIVING.

Lord of Glory, Who hast bought us
  With Thy Life-blood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
  That tremendous sacrifice,
And with that hast freely given
  Blessings, countless as the sand,
To the unthankful and the evil
  With Thine own unsparing hand;

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee
  Gladly, freely of Thine own;
With the sunshine of Thy goodness
  Melt our thankless hearts of stone;
Till our cold and selfish natures,
  Warm'd by Thee, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed
  'Tis to give than to receive.

Wondrous honour hast Thou given
  To our humblest charity
In Thine own mysterious sentence,
  "Ye have done it unto Me."
Can it be, O gracious Master,
  Thou dost deign for alms to sue,
Saying by Thy poor and needy,
  "Give as I have given to you?"

Yes, the sorrow and the suffering,
  Which on every hand we see,
Channels are for tithes and offerings
  Due by solemn right to Thee;
Right of which we may not rob Thee,
  Debt we may not choose but pay,
Lest that Face of love and pity
  Turn from us another day.

Lord of glory, Who hast bought us
  With Thy Life-blood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
  That tremendous Sacrifice,
Give us faith, to trust Thee boldly,
  Hope, to stay our souls on Thee;
But O, best of all Thy graces,
  Give us Thine own charity. *Amen.*

25. FOR THE ABSENT.

Holy Father, in Thy mercy
  Hear our anxious prayer,
Keep our loved ones, now far absent,
    'Neath Thy care.

Jesus, Saviour, let Thy Presence
  Be their light and guide;
Keep, oh, keep them, in their weakness,
    At Thy Side.

When in sorrow, when in danger,
  When in loneliness,
In Thy love look down and comfort
    Their distress.

May the joy of Thy salvation
  Be their strength and stay;
May they love and may they praise Thee
    Day by day.

Holy Spirit, let Thy teaching
  Sanctify their life:
Send Thy grace, that they may conquer
    In the strife.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
  God the One in Three,
Bless them, guide them, save them, keep them
    Near to Thee. *Amen.*

26. GENERAL USE.

Who is this, so weak and helpless,
  Child of lowly Hebrew maid,
Rudely in a stable sheltered,
  Coldly in a manger laid?
'Tis the Lord of all creation,
  Who this wondrous path hath trod;
He is God from everlasting
  And to everlasting God.

Who is this—a Man of Sorrows,
  Walking sadly life's hard way,
Homeless, weary, sighing, weeping
  Over sin and Satan's sway?
'Tis our God, our glorious Saviour,
  Who above the starry sky
Now for us a place prepareth,
  Where no tear can dim the eye.

Who is this? behold Him shedding
  Drops of blood upon the ground.
Who is this, despised, rejected,
  Mocked, insulted, beaten, bound?
'Tis our God Who gifts and graces
  On His Church now poureth down;
Who shall smite in holy vengeance
  All His foes beneath His Throne.

Who is this that hangeth dying
  While the rude world scoffs and scorns,
Numbered with the malefactors,
  Torn with nails and crowned with thorns?
'Tis the God, Who ever liveth
  'Mid the shining ones on high,
In the glorious golden city
  Reigning everlastingly. *Amen.*

27. CHILDREN'S SERVICE.

I love to hear the story
  Which Angel voices tell,
How once the King of Glory
  Came down on earth to dwell.
I am but weak and sinful,
  But this I surely know,

The Lord came down to save me,
  Because He loved me so.
    I love to hear the story, etc.

I'm glad my blessed Saviour
  Was once a Child like me,
To show how pure and holy
  His little ones might be;
And if I try to follow
  His footsteps here below,
He never will forget me,
  Because He loves me so.
    I love to hear the story, etc.

To sing His love and mercy
  My sweetest songs I'll raise;
And though I cannot see Him,
  I know He hears my praise,
For He has kindly promised
  That even I may go
To sing among His Angels,
  Because He loves me so.
    I love to hear the story, etc. *Amen.*

28. CHILDREN'S SERVICE.

Christ, Who once amongst us
  As a Child did dwell,
Is the children's Saviour,
  And He loves us well;
If we keep our promise
  Made Him at the Font,
He will be our Shepherd,
  And we shall not want.

There it was they laid us
  In those tender Arms,
Where the lambs are carried,
  Safe from all alarms:
If we trust His promise
  He will let us rest
In His Arms for ever,
  Leaning on His Breast.

Though we may not see Him
  For a little while,
We shall know He holds us,
  Often feel His smile;
Death will be to slumber
  In that sweet embrace,
And we shall awaken
  To behold His Face.

He will be our Shepherd
  After as before,
By still heavenly waters
  Lead us evermore,
Make us lie in pastures
  Beautiful and green,
Where none thirst or hunger,
  And no tears are seen.

Jesus, our good Shepherd,
  Laying down Thy Life,
Lest Thy sheep should perish
  In the cruel strife,
Help us to remember
  All Thy love and care,
Trust in Thee, and love Thee
  Always everywhere. *Amen.*

29. CHILDREN'S SERVICE.

Daily, daily, sing the praises
  Of the City God hath made;
In the beauteous fields of Eden
  Its foundation-stones are laid.
Oh that I had wings of Angels
  Here to spread and homeward fly,
I would seek the gates of Sion
  Far beyond the starry sky.

All the walls of that dear City
  Are of bright and burnished gold;
It is matchless in its beauty,
  And its treasures are untold.
    Oh that I had, etc.

In the midst of that dear city
  Christ is reigning on His seat,
And the Angels swing their censers
  In a ring about His feet.
    Oh that I had, etc.

There are roses and carnations,
  There the honeysuckles twine;
There along the river edges,
  Golden jonquils ever shine.
    Oh that I had, etc.

There the water-lilies open,
  Lying on the sea of glass;
There the yellow crocus glimmers
  Like a flame amidst the grass.
    Oh that I had, etc.

There the wind is sweetly fragrant,
And is laden with the song
Of the Seraphs, and the Elders,
And the great redeemèd throng.
Oh that I had, etc.

Oh, I would my ears were open,
Here to catch that happy strain.
Oh, I would my eyes some vision
Of that Eden might attain.
Oh that I had, etc. *Amen.*

30. CHILDREN'S SERVICE.

Around the Throne of God a band
Of glorious angels ever stand;
Bright things they see, sweet harps they hold,
And on their heads are crowns of gold.

Some wait around Him, ready still
To sing His praise and do His Will;
And some, when He commands them, go
To guard His servants here below.

Lord, give Thy Angels every day
Command to guide us on our way,
And bid them every evening keep
Their watch around us while we sleep.

So shall no wicked thing draw near,
To do us harm or cause us fear;
And we shall dwell, when life is past,
With Angels round Thy Throne at last. *Amen.*

31. CHILDREN'S SERVICE.

The Heavenly Child in stature grows,
  And, growing, learns to die;
And still His early training shows
  His coming agony.

The Son of God His glory hides
  With parents mean and poor;
And He Who made the heavens abides
  In dwelling-place obscure.

Those mighty Hands that rule the sky
  No earthly toil refuse;
The Maker of the stars on high
  An humble trade pursues.

He, Whom the choirs of Angels praise,
  Bearing each dread decree,
His earthly parents now obeys
  In deep humility.

For this Thy lowliness revealed,
  Jesu, we Thee adore,
And praise to God the Father yield
  And Spirit evermore. *Amen.*

32. CHILDREN'S SERVICE.

All things bright and beautiful,
  All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
  The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,
  Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors,
  He made their tiny wings.

The rich man in his castle,
  The poor man at his gate,
God made them, high or lowly,
  And order'd their estate.

The purple-headed mountain,
  The river running by,
The sunset and the morning
  That brightens up the sky;—

The cold wind in the winter,
  The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
  He made them every one.

The tall trees in the greenwood,
  The meadows where we play,
The rushes by the water,
  We gather every day;—

He gave us eyes to see them,
  And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
  Who has made all things well. *Amen.*

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